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HERE'S THE 9TH VOLUME OF THE MANGA: LOVE HINA  
FOR THE FANS BY A FAN.

REMEMBER, IF YOU LIKE IT, GO BUY IT!  
PAGES HAVE BEEN CROPPED TO GET RID OF THE GUTTER,  
BUT IT'S STILL VISIBLE,  
AS I REALLY DON'T CARE TOO MUCH ABOUT THE QUALITY.  
SCANNED > CROPPED > CLEANED > SAVED.  
ALSO I'VE DONE A QUICK JOB ON ANY DOUBLE PAGE SPREADS,  
JUST TO MAKE IT EASIER TO READ.  
IF YOU DON'T LIKE MY ATTEMPT, GO BUY IT FOR  
YOURSELVES AND ENJOY YOUR OWN VERSION..  
ANYHOW ENJOY!

NEXT UP: NOT SURE :P

NOTE: HERE WE GO FOR ONE MY FAVOURITE SERIES OF ALL TIME.  
PROBABLY WHAT GOT ME HOOKED ONTO SHOUJO,  
EVEN IF ITS NOT SHOUJO ITSELF.

ITS ONE OF THE MORE UNDERAPPRECIATED SERIES,  
AND I WAS EXPECTING SOMEONE TO HAVE DONE  
A HQ RELEASE BY NOW.

THANKS TO ALL THE VARIOUS GROUPS WHO INITIALLY WORKED ON IT.  
AND HERE'S THE OFFICIAL ENGLISH VERSION, WITH NO MISSING  
BUBBLES AND SMALL UNREADABLE TEXT....WELL I HOPE NOT.

REMEMBER, IF YOU LIKE IT, BUY IT. I DID... TWICE.  
AND BECAUSE I ACTUALLY TOOK APART THE BOOK TO SCAN  
IT PROPERLY, DON'T EXPECT ME TO DO IT AGAIN.

PS: I'M NOT MAKING A SEPERATE CREDIT  
FOR EACH RELEASE =D

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The moment has come...

Or should we say "moments"? After all this time, Keitaro has passed the Todai entrance exam, but that's not the only thing he's finally getting around to. With his renewed confidence, he can't fight the urge to tell Naru how he really feels about her. But when he does, her reaction is definitely not what he expected.

Meanwhile, Keitaro's rival for Naru's affection, Seta, has a surprising announcement about his intentions for Haruka. With all these revelations flying about, something romantic is sure to happen... but to whom?



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## The Story Thus Far...

Fifteen years ago, Keitaro Urashima made a promise to a girl that the two of them would go to Tokyo University together. For fifteen years, Keitaro Urashima had slaved away at the books, stumbling through academia until the day he could take the entrance exam for Tokyo University. For fifteen years, Keitaro Urashima had been driven by that promise, a drive that had outstripped even his memory of the girl's name. And here he is, fifteen years later, having failed the entrance exam three times already, having readied himself so thoroughly to fail again, having discovered that the girl to whom he made that fateful promise is the girl that has recently studied with him, helping bear his fear of tests, at last the saga has ended, the impossible has become reality. Keitaro Urashima, after fifteen years, has passed the entrance exam. This is one boy that won't live another year as a ronin. He is going to Tokyo U. But he almost screwed that up. Convinced he had failed, Keitaro left the exam hall and ran straight to the solace only a tropical isle in the Pacific can offer. Luckily enough, Naru and the gang trekked out there to retrieve him in time to register for school. And while there, Keitaro was turned on to archeology. But perhaps we should back up a bit?

This chapter in Keitaro Urashima's life began a year ago when he inherited from his globe-trotting grandmother the Hinata House, an all-girls dormitory whose clientele is none too pleased that their new, live-in landlord is a man or as close to a man as poor Keitaro can be. The lanky loser incessantly (and accidentally) crashes their sessions in the hot springs, walks in on them changing, and pokes his nose pretty much everywhere that it can get broken, if not by the hot-headed Naru – the mystery girl from fifteen years ago – then by one of the other Hinata inmates – Kitsune, a late-teen alcoholic with a diesel libido; Mofoko, a swordsman who struggles with a feminine identity; Shinobu, a pre-teen princess with a colossal crush on Keitaro; Su, a foreign girl with a big appetite; Sarah, an orphaned ward resentful of being left there by her archeologist guardian; Mutsumi, an accident-prone lily also studying for her exams; and Haruka, Keitaro's aunt and de facto matriarch of the Hinata House.

Now, he's back, he's bookish, and he's finally going to tell Naru that he loves her. If he can only get the girl alone. But he has to start thinking about his future, and how much will she figure into his grand life scheme.

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# LOVE♥HINA

WOOW! REALLY?! UM,  
THE THING IS, I JUST GOT  
INTO TOKYO U MYSELF.  
AND... I CAN HARDLY  
BELIEVE I MADE IT!

SAY, KEI-KUN? DID YOU KNOW  
THAT IF TWO PEOPLE WHO LOVE  
EACH OTHER GO TO TOKYO  
UNIVERSITY, THEY'LL LIVE HAPPILY  
EVER AFTER?



## Love Hina

THIS DOESN'T EVEN  
HURT. CRAP, THAT  
MUST MEAN THAT  
THIS REALLY  
IS A...

HUH?

TAKE  
THAT!

MAYBE  
YOU'RE  
DREAMING

FU  
FU  
FU.  
♡

D-D-D-  
DR...?!

はいっ—ん

HEY DON'T  
SAY THAT!

IT WAS A  
DREAM!!

ARGGH!!

IT...

TOKYO UNIVERSITY  
Student Identification Card



OH  
BOY  
...





...IT'S  
NOT A  
DREAM!!

I  
ACTUALLY  
DID IT!  
I'M  
FINALLY A  
TOKYO  
UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT!!

EVERYWHERE  
1992

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HINATA.70 Let's Go to Tokyo U!

HOW'D I  
GUESS  
THAT'D  
HAPPEN?

HUP  
A  
HMM!

URGH,  
THERE  
HE  
GOES  
AGAIN.

GO,  
KEITARO,  
IT'S  
YOUR  
BIRTH-  
DAY!

YOU  
HEAR ME  
WORLD?!  
I MADE  
IT!!







MAYBE I SHOULD START GOING AFTER YOU FROM NOW ON, HUH?♡

GEEZ, KITSUNE, YOU'RE ALREADY DRUNK! IT'S STILL MORNING!!



BUT THEN AGAIN, KEITARO... GETTING INTO TOKYO U WAS PRETTY MANLY.

YOU MEAN THAT?



IT'S MY WAY OF SAYING GOOD LUCK. SO, DON'T HOLD BACK. EAT ALL YOU WANT.

SEMPAI, I PREPARED THIS EXTRA SPECIAL BREAKFAST ESPECIALLY FOR YOU.♡

CABOT



WATCH IT WILL YA?!

MAKE WAY! COMING THROUGH! MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!

YOWW, CREAMED BY A BREAK-FAST CART!



...I WAS WONDERING IF... IF I MIGHT BE ABLE TO TROUBLE YOU WITH A FEW QUESTIONS OR GET SOME ADVICE CONCERNING THE PROCESS THAT YOU USED DURING YOUR FOUR YEARS OF ENDLESS EXAMS AND LONG NIGHTS OF STUDYING.

HMM, HOW DO I PUT THIS... I WILL BE ATTEMPTING MY EXAMS THIS YEAR. SO...

THEY



URA-SHI-MA!

OH, IT'S NOTHING... EH HEH HEH.

WOW, SHINOBU THIS IS AWESOME. THIS MUST HAVE TAKEN ALL NIGHT.



YOU  
MEAN  
IT?

HUH,  
GUYS  
?

KEITARO,  
I WANNA  
PLAY AT  
TOKYO  
U!!

ME, TOO!  
TAKE ME  
WITH  
YOU!

SEMPAI,  
TELL ME  
ABOUT THE  
HIGH SCHOOL  
ENTRANCE  
EXAMS!

HUM. ARE  
YOU SURE?  
SHOULDN'T  
YOU BE  
ASKING  
NARU?

GOOD POINT,  
BUT YOU ARE ALSO  
TECHNICALLY A  
COLLEGE STUDENT.  
HAVING TWO PER-  
SPECTIVES WOULD BE  
BENEFICIAL.



EVERYONE WANTS TO  
KNOW MY SECRET.  
AH, IT'S TIME FOR  
ME TO WRITE A BOOK.

SNIFF. WHO WOULD  
HAVE THOUGHT BEING  
A TOKYO STUDENT  
WOULD FEEL SO GOOD?

WHY'S HE  
CRYING?



YO, NARU!  
YOU HAVE  
A PHONE  
CALL!!

OH,  
THANK  
YOU!

H-HEY,  
NARU!  
WE'RE  
OVER--



DANG  
IT, I  
SLEPT  
THROUGH  
MY ALARM.

AWOY,  
MATES!  
NARU  
OFF THE  
PORT  
SIDE!

EH,  
THANKS.



EH?

STRANGE.  
HAVE  
YOU  
GUYS  
SEEN  
NARU  
AROUND?

NOW  
THAT YOU  
MENTION  
IT, SHE'S  
NOT  
AROUND  
IS SHE?



YOU FORGOT THAT  
QUICK? TODAY'S THE  
DAY TOKYO U HAS  
THEIR BIG ENTRANCE  
CEREMONY.

OH,  
THANKS  
FOR  
REMIN-  
DING  
ME!



WOW  
SHE DIDN'T  
EVEN NOTICE  
YOU. STILL  
I WONDER  
WHY SHE'S  
SO DRESSED  
UP?

WHAT  
WAS  
THAT  
ABOUT  
?

EVERY WHERE

THE MOMENT I'VE WAITED  
FOR IS FINALLY HERE.  
TIME TO PUT MY YEARS OF  
PLANNING TO GOOD USE.



I'VE  
GOT TO  
MAKE A  
GOOD  
FIRST  
IMPRES-  
SION.

HOW'S THIS  
NECKTIE THING  
GO AGAIN?

I GOTTA  
HURRY UP AND  
CHANGE. TOKYO U'S  
ENTRANCE CEREMONY  
IS A REALLY FORMAL  
OCCASION AND I  
CAN'T SHOW UP  
LOOKING LIKE A  
SLACKER.

MYUH?



HEHE, IF IT GOES  
THAT WELL, I'LL  
END UP  
PROPOSING  
TO HER.

YES  
INDEED, MY  
LOVE, WE  
DID.

WE FINALLY  
MADE IT,  
DIDN'T WE,  
KEITARO?

I CAN SEE IT  
NOW, THE  
PERFECT  
PLACE AND  
TIME.

IT'LL BE  
OUR  
MOMENT...



WATCH  
YOURSELF,  
YOU  
MIGHT  
NOT BE  
SO LUCKY  
NEXT  
TIME.

OWW, IT  
H-HURTS...  
HA- HARUKA...  
H-HAVE YOU  
SEEN NARU  
AT ALL  
TODAY?

IF YOU  
INSIST,  
NARU!!  
PLEASE,  
BE  
GENTLE.

OW,  
KEITARO  
... TAKE  
ME  
NOW!!



OH  
NO  
!!

AS FOR NARU? SHE  
LEFT RIGHT AFTER  
GETTING A PHONE  
CALL FROM HER  
FAMILY. DON'T  
KNOW WHAT IT  
WAS ABOUT  
THOUGH.





MAYBE, I CAN GET A HOLD OF HER ON HER CELL-PHONE.



SHEESH, SHE COULD'VE AT LEAST TOLD ME ABOUT THAT.

CRAP, THERE GOES MY PLAN. I GUESS SHE WAS GOING TO HAVE HER PARENTS THERE ALL ALONG.



The cellular customer you have dialed is currently outside the coverage area. Please hang up and dial again.



YUMMY, SHISAR LIKE KEIII-KUN. ♡

YAHH, IT'S A DEMON !!



DAMN CELL PHONE, NEVER WORKS WHEN YOU NEED IT. HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO PUT MY PLAN INTO ACTION NOW?



YOU SEE I THOUGHT I'D DRESS UP A BIT AND MAKE A GOOD FIRST IMPRESSION

WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT GET-UP?



TA DAHH! ♡  
GOOD MORNING KEII-KUN



OOO-S-S-

BLACK LACE!



OH MY, THE WIND SURE IS STRONG TODAY, HOW OUT OF SEASON. COULD MY ANGELS BE WISHING ME GOOD LUCK?



BRAGH!



I'M NOT. I'M DEAD SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.

IS THAT HOW IT REALLY WORKS? YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT?



LET'S SEE, THE "PROMISE" WAS THAT YOU'D BOTH GO TO TOKYO U TOGETHER.

SO IF YOU DON'T GO TOGETHER, THEN IT'S POSSIBLE THAT YOUR HAPPINESS WILL NEVER COME TO FRUITION.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

IN ANY CASE, YOU HAVE TO WATCH OUT, DON'T YOU?



...THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THAT YOU'VE COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED ALL OF YOUR GOOD LUCK!!

KEI-KUN, YOU'VE MADE IT INTO TOKYO UNIVERSITY, BUT IN DOING SO...



AH, HOW CUTE, DOGGIES.

HOLY CRAP! SOMEBODY CALL THE HUMANE SOCIETY, I'M BEING ATTACKED HERE!

BARK!

ARF! ARF!

BARK!



OH MY, YOU SEEM TO HAVE FALLEN INTO THE GUTTER.

WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!



NO, IT CAN'T BE!!



YEP, I'M A KIDDER.

ズキ...

COME ON, YOU'RE PULLING MY CHAIN NOW. MY LUCK'S ALWAYS GOOD!

HAHAHA, GOOD ONE.



NO, I DON'T WANT TO BE CURSED!! QUICK, MUTSUMI... PRETEND TO BE NARU!!

ヒッパッパッ...



CAN'T YOU JUST FEEL THE HAPPINESS FLOWING THROUGH THE CROWD?

I GUESS THEY WERE RIGHT, THAT THING AT THE TOP DOES LOOK LIKE AN ONION.









WHY'S ALL THIS BAD  
STUFF HAPPENING TO  
ME ALL OF A SUDDEN?

IT'S LIKE IT'S  
TRYING TO  
MAKE UP FOR  
LOST TIME!



WAAHHHHH?! WHEN WILL  
IT END?!



GOOD  
LUCK,  
KEI-  
KUN!!



IF SOME WIND  
THINKS IT'S  
GONNA STOP ME  
FROM GETTING  
TO NARU, THEN IT'S  
GOT ANOTHER  
THING COMING!



GIANT  
ONION

OH NO!  
THE ONION...  
KEI-KUN,  
WATCH OUT  
FOR THE  
GIANT  
ONION!!



FRESHMAN  
CRUSHED BY  
GIANT ONION



PHEW,  
I  
THOUGHT  
I WAS A  
GONER  
FOR  
SURE.



KEI-  
KUN!!

CRACK





OH MAN,  
YOU REALLY  
ARE IN THE  
HOSPITAL  
WITH A  
BROKEN  
LEG!!



DID  
SOMEONE  
PAGE  
DOCTOR  
SU?! NURSE,  
I NEED AN  
IV DRIP,  
STAT!

NOT THAT  
YOU HAVE  
A CHOICE,  
BUT YOU'LL  
HAVE TO  
TAKE A  
LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE  
FROM  
SCHOOL  
DURING  
THAT  
TIME.



KEITARO,  
THE  
DOCTORS  
TOLD ME IT  
WOULD  
TAKE THREE  
MONTHS  
FOR YOU  
TO FULLY  
RECOVER.

I GUESS  
THIS  
PROVES  
THAT YOU  
REALLY  
WERE  
HUMAN  
AFTER  
ALL. AH,  
FIGURES.

URASHIMA, I  
BELIEVE THIS  
ACCIDENT  
SHOWS THAT  
YOU AREN'T  
ABLE  
TO RECOVER  
OVER A CERTAIN  
AMOUNT OF  
DAMAGE.

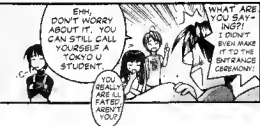
SEMPAI,  
ARE  
YOU ALL  
RIGHT?  
DOES  
IT  
STILL  
HURT?



CAN'T YA  
JUST MAKE  
IT GO AWAY  
WITH A  
BAND-AID  
LIKE YOU  
USUALLY DO?  
LIKE IN ONE  
FRAME?

WHAT  
SHOULD  
WE WRITE  
NEXT  
ON HIS  
CAST?

EVERY-  
ONE,  
STOP IT!  
LEAVE  
ME  
ALONE!!



EHH,  
DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT IT. YOU  
CAN STILL CALL  
YOURSELF A  
TOKYO U  
STUDENT.

WHAT ARE  
YOU SAY-  
ING?! I DIDN'T  
EVEN MAKE  
IT TO THE  
ENTRANCE  
CEREMONY!

YOU  
REALLY  
ARE LL  
FATED.  
AREN'T  
YOU?



THE FACT THAT SHE WON'T EVEN COME TO VISIT HIM MUST MEAN THAT SHE DOESN'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT HIM, HUH?

I LEFT HER A VOICE MAIL ABOUT URASHIMA'S ACCIDENT, BUT--

HUH...

AH HA HA, THAT'S GOTTA BE IT!

DOES ANYBODY KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO NARU?



URGH, THIS IS THE PITS. I CAN'T WALK, I CAN'T GO TO TOKYO U, AND I CAN'T EVEN SEE NARU. WHO DID I PISS OFF IN MY PAST LIFE TO END UP LIKE THIS?



OH, IT'S ONLY THE TURTLE LADY!

HI, KEI-KUN! HOW ARE YOU FEELING?



COULD IT BE?

KNOCK KNOCK

N-NO WAY! I'M SURE SHE'LL BE HERE... SOON.



IS IT NARU?!



...AND SHE GOT SCOUTED TO BE THIS YEAR'S "MISS TOKYO U"! I COULDN'T BE HAPPIER FOR HER.

SHE'S GOT MY VOTE.



THAT'S GOOD. I BET YOU'RE WONDERING ABOUT NARU-SAN, AREN'T YOU? YOU SEE, AFTER THE CEREMONY, ALL THESE UPPER-CLASSMEN CAME UP TO HER...

I GUESS I'M DOING OKAY, MUTSUMI.

DOES THIS MEAN SHE'S GONNA BE A POP IDOL?!



NIGHTY  
NIGHT!!

WE'LL  
BRING YOU  
BACK SOME  
MAGAZINES  
TOMORROW.

LIGHTS  
OUT,  
EVERY-  
ONE.



EVERY-  
THING  
WAS  
JUST  
GOING  
WAY  
TOO  
SMOOTH-  
LY.

I SHOULD  
HAVE  
KNOWN  
EVERYTHING  
WOULD  
END UP  
THIS  
WAY.



NOW MY LIFE DOES  
ATHREE-SIXTY  
ONCE AGAIN AND I'M  
LEFT WITH NOTHING  
BUT A BROKEN LEG.

MUTSUMI WAS RIGHT.  
I ALREADY USED  
UP ALL MY GOOD  
LUCK GETTING HERE.



...CARE  
ABOUT  
ME.

...I GUESS  
NARU  
REALLY  
DOESN'T...



I  
GUESS  
...

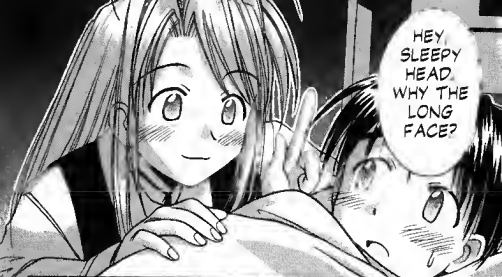
GEEZ, WHAT DID I  
REALLY EXPECT? THE  
ONLY REASON THAT  
NARU AND I WERE  
EVENTOGETHER WAS  
BECAUSE WE WERE BOTH  
IRONINS. SO, NOW THAT  
WE'VE MADE IT INTO  
TOKYO, U, THERE'S NO  
REAL REASON FOR US  
TO STAY TOGETHER.



HUH?



URGH,  
DAM-  
MIT.



HEY,  
SLEEPY  
HEAD.  
WHY THE  
LONG  
FACE?



NARU...

HOWDY.



WHAT ARE  
YOU TALK-  
ING ABOUT?  
AND FOR  
THE  
RECORD, I  
SHOULD BE  
THE ONE  
MAD AT  
YOU.

W-  
WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
DOING  
HERE?

WHAT THE  
HECK ARE  
YOU DOING?!  
IT'S WAY  
PAST LIGHTS  
OUT!

KEEP IT  
DOWN!

...YOU  
ACTUALLY  
CAME!



YOU PROBABLY  
DIDN'T EVEN  
CHECK YOUR  
VOICEMAIL.  
AND INSTEAD  
OF MEETING  
ME, YOU GO  
OFF AND GET  
HURT.

YOU'RE  
SUCH A  
KLUTZ,  
YOU  
KNOW  
THAT?

I WAITED  
FOR YOU, LIKE,  
FOREVER  
OUTSIDE OF  
THE  
CEREMONY  
HALL.











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HINATA.71 Yes or No or ?





I'VE BEEN AWAY  
FROM HINATA HOUSE  
FOR A WHOPPING  
THREE WEEKS!  
NOW, BUT I'M SURE  
EVERYONE WILL BE  
GLAD TO SEE ME WHEN  
I COME HOPPING BACK.

APRIL 21ST.  
TODAY I  
FINALLY  
GET RELEASED  
FROM THE  
HOSPITAL.



BEEN A WHILE,  
HASN'T IT?  
STILL, IT'S  
GREAT  
TO SEE ALL  
YOUR SMILING  
FACES AGAIN!

HEY  
EVERY-  
BODY!  
I'M  
HOME!!



MYUH!  
♡



WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO MY  
WELCOME  
HOME  
PARTY?

I  
GUESS  
IT'S JUST  
YOU AND  
ME,  
TAMA-  
CHAN.

CRAP! I'M  
GONNA  
BE LATE  
FOR  
THIRD  
PERIOD,  
AGAIN!

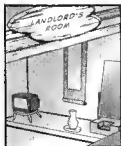
MYUH?

I GUESS I  
SHOULD'VE  
EXPECTED  
NO ONE  
WOULD BE  
HOME THIS  
EARLY  
IN THE  
AFTERNOON.









WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN WATCHING?!



LET ME GUESS, YOU SNAPPED, THREW HER DOWN, AND HAD YOUR WAY WITH HER. AM I CLOSE?



YOU CONFESSED YOUR FEELINGS FOR NARU?!

NO WAY !!



EH?

I... I...

.....



SO, YOU FINALLY WENT AHEAD AND MADE YOUR MOVE. SURE TOOK LONG ENOUGH. THIS IS SUCH A BIG STEP FOR YOU.

GEE... THANKS.

...I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!!

YOU... YOU MEAN IT?!



...IT'S BEEN THREE WEEKS, AND I HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD FROM NARU SINCE THEN.

IT'S NOT LIKE I ASKED FOR A RESPONSE, BUT IT'D BE NICE TO KNOW HOW SHE FEELS.

THERE IS ONE THING THAT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME. IT WAS A SPUR OF THE MOMENT CONFESSION, BUT...

AT LEAST THAT'S HOW SHE BLEW OFF ALL THE GUYS' BACK WHEN WE WERE IN SCHOOL TOGETHER.

NARU'S GOT THIS WEIRD M.O. SHE ALWAYS MAKES A GUY WAIT THREE WEEKS IF SHE'S GOING TO DUMP HIM.

WHOA, WHOA, WHOA! BACK UP THERE! GOING THREE WEEKS WITHOUT EVEN HEARING A PEEP OUT OF HER IS NOT A GOOD SIGN AT ALL.

ABSOLUTELY. THAT NERDY CRAM SCHOOL IMAGE SHE ADOPTED LATER ON WAS JUST ONE OF HER MANY FRONTS.

YOU MEAN SHE WAS ACTUALLY POPULAR?

DAMN HER. SHE HASN'T CHANGED A BIT, HAS SHE?

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS?! PLEASE TELL ME YOUR JOKING!

AND THE POOR, PITIFUL FOOLS THAT FELL FOR THAT CLEVER FACADE OF HERS NUMBERED IN THE 20S... NO 30S!

AND WORST OF ALL, EACH AND EVERYONE OF THOSE FOOLS WAS DUMPED BY THE LITTLE MINX WITHOUT EVEN A SECOND THOUGHT!!

BEFORE SHE STARTED AIMING FOR TOKYO U, SHE WAS SORT OF, HOW DO I PUT THIS... A BIT OUT OF A DREAMER. YEAH, THAT'S A GOOD WORD. ANYWAY, JUST BY LOOKING AT HER, YOU'D THINK SHE WAS JUST ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL, SWEET GIRL.

20 OR 30 OF THEM?!

MAN, SHE'S CUTE.





WHY CAN'T SHE JUST ADMIT THAT SHE'S THE ONE WHO REALLY WANTS TO READ NARU'S DIARY.

OF COURSE I'M SERIOUS. FOR YOU, I WILL DODGE THE FIERY BULLETS AND GET YOU THE ANSWER YOU SO DESPERATELY SEEK.

WHILE A PAGE ABOUT YOUR BAD BREATH WOULD DOOM YOUR CHANCES FOREVER!

YOU FOOL, STOP AND THINK ABOUT IT! A WOMAN'S DIARY IS THE KEY TO HER SOUL. A PAGE ABOUT YOUR MANLY BUTT WOULD PROVE SHE'S GOT THE HOTS FOR YOU!

STILL, IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP HER NOW.

ARE YOU SERIOUS?!  
FIRST MY BUTT, THEN MY BREATH!

WHOA, THAT'S DEFINITELY NARU'S DIARY, ALL RIGHT!

とばん!

OOOH, THIS HAS GOTTA BE IT!

NO! THIS IS JUST WRONG! I SHOULDN'T BE LISTENING TO THIS! BUT MY EARS

HMM, INTERESTING. YEAH... AH, WHAT'S THIS? TODAY--

HEY WHAT DAY WAS IT THAT YOU CONFESSED TO HER AGAIN?

IF IT'S WRONG THEN WHY ARE YOU SITTING RIGHT NEXT TO ME?

WE CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH THIS. WE JUST CAN'T!! IT'S WRONG ON SO MANY LEVELS!

OH, SHIT !!

I'M HOME !!

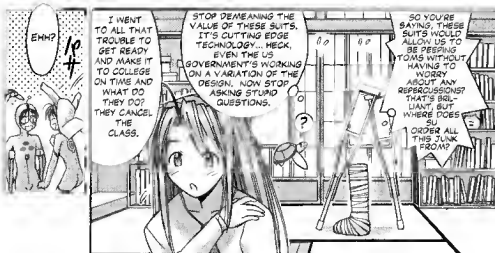
OH, THAT'S RIGHT... APRIL 1ST.

EASIER SAID THAN DONE !!

QUICK! HIDE !!

OH NO OH NO!! IT'S NARU'S VOICE!!

HUH? ISN'T ANYBODY HOME YET?



IT'S NOT LIKE BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL WHERE WE HAD TO WEAR A UNIFORM.

ハラッ...

NOW, I ALWAYS HAVE SO MUCH TROUBLE FIGURING OUT WHAT TO WEAR.

MYUH.

ウキウキ!!

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ウキウキ!!

OH BOY.

I CAN STILL FIT INTO MY OLD MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIFORM!

...WOO WEEE! DON'T I LOOK CUTE? ♡

DAMMIT, WATCH WHERE YOU SHOOT THAT STUFF!

AHH... ARG-HHH !!

OH MAN, ISN'T THIS...

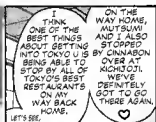
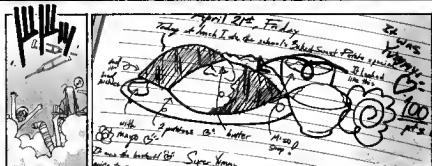
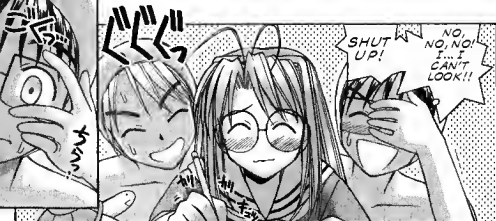
NICE ONE NARU!!

THANK GOD FOR THIS SUIT!

中野の服を着る

OH... OHHH HHH!!









LET'S SEE NOW, I'M ALL DONE WITH MY DIARY. SO, I GUESS I GET FIRST DIBS ON THE BATH AND THEN I CAN TAKE A LONG NAP UNTIL EVERYONE GETS HOME. ♡



NAAAA THIS IS--



HEY, GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF! IT'S ALL RIGHT. HMM?

AHH. EH HEH HEH. HA HA HA!

♪33



BUT... THE THING ABOUT THE BATH-ROOM.

CHEER UP, KEITARO. TODAY WAS JUST ONE OF THOSE WEIRD DAYS... A FLUKE.

COME ON NOW.



NOT THAT OLD SPEECH.

SO WHAT IF THINGS DON'T WORK OUT BETWEEN YOU TWO.

COME ON, KEITARO. THERE ARE PLENTY OF FISH IN THE SEA.



IT'S A DIARY, NOT THE ENQUIRER !!



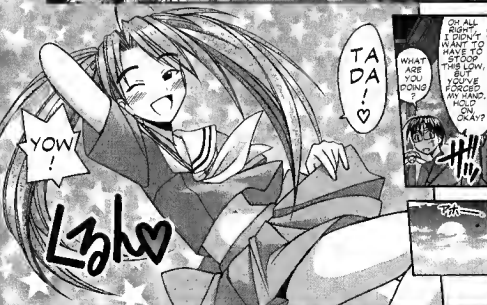
HEY, MAYBE SHE WAS PLANNING ON WRITING SOMETHING REALLY SPECIAL ABOUT IT TOMORROW!



DANG IT, KEITARO, QUIT WITH THE DRAMATICS! SUICIDE ISN'T THE ANSWER!

NARU'S COMPLETELY OUT OF MY LEAGUE! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!!

I KNOW WHAT I AM, I'M JUST SOME DUMB KID THAT CAN'T EVEN MAKE IT TO SCHOOL BY HIMSELF!







THAT'S  
WHAT  
GOT YOU  
INTO  
TOKYO U,  
RIGHT?

IT MIGHT  
TAKE YOU  
TWO... OR  
EVEN THREE  
TIMES  
BEFORE YOU  
CRACK HER,  
BUT...YOU  
HAVE TO  
KEEP TRYING,  
OKAY?



...THEN  
COME  
BACK  
AND  
SEE  
ME,  
OKAY?

AND... AND IF  
AFTER ALL  
THAT... IF  
YOU STILL  
HAVEN'T  
CRACKED  
HER YET...

OWWWW...

COME  
ON.



KISS.  
♡

AND I  
PROMISE,  
BIG SIS'LL  
TAKE  
GOOD  
CARE OF  
YOU.  
♡

?!



GGRR

WHAT'S  
THAT?

...KIT-  
SUNE.  
BIG SIS,  
THOUGH?  
YOU'RE  
YOUNGER  
THAN  
ME.

THANKS





...BECAUSE BOTH YOU AND KEITARO ARE... MY BEST FRIENDS.

ACTUALLY IT IS MY BUSINESS...



I CAN SEE WHY YOU EAT ALL THAT FOOD NOW!

GEE, YOUR BOOBS SURE HAVE GOTTEN BIGGER SINCE THE LAST TIME I SAW THEM.



.....GOD, JUST SHUT UP! I ALREADY KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO.

AT LEAST START TALKING TO HIM AGAIN, WILL YA?



THAT'S THE ONE PART ABOUT YOU THAT I HATE SOOOOO MUCH!!



PLEASE FORGIVE ME!!

I THINK ALL THAT EXERCISE MADE IT WORSE.

3 MONTHS AND AN ADDITIONAL 2 WEEKS REMAIN UNTIL KEITARO FULLY RECOVERS.





## HINATA.72 Burn Up Blade: Part I

### Big Sister Comes to Tokyo!











I-I-  
I'M A-  
A-  
ALIVE!

GYAAH  
!!



THE  
TECHNIQUE  
WAS EVEN  
PERFORMED  
BETTER  
THAN  
MOTOKO  
CAN DO  
IT!

WHAT  
THE  
HELL?

THAT HAD TO  
HAVE BEEN  
THE CUTTING  
EVIL STRIKE:  
SECOND FORM!!  
THE DRIVER'S  
SAFE AFTER  
ALL.

WHAT HAPPENED?  
CALL 911!

...I  
WAS  
HOPING  
I MIGHT  
INQUIRE  
SOME-  
THING  
FROM  
YOU.

EXCUSE  
ME,  
YOUNG  
MAN,  
BUT...

AH,  
GET  
AWAY!



DON'T  
HURT  
ME!



YAH!



AHH!  
ONEESAN,  
EVERYONE...  
THANK YOU  
SO MUCH.



THIS IS NO  
GOOD  
MOTOKO  
FOR RUN-  
NING AWAY  
FROM SOME-  
THING...  
THIS  
WEAK.



...JRM,  
ONEESAN  
?



ONEESAN,  
I  
PROMISE  
THAT ONE  
DAY I WILL  
BE JUST  
AS...

NO,  
DON'T  
TOUCH  
ME!!



YOU  
SHALL  
BE  
PUNISHED  
!





...AND THEN YOUR SISTER SHOWED UP AND DID SOME COOL SAMURAI STANCE AND THEN CUT THE THING IN HALF! IT WAS, LIKE, SLASH AND THEN KABOOM!

IS SOMETHING WRONG, MOTOKO? YOU LOOK KIND OF SHOCKED. IT'S A FUNNY STORY, THERE WAS THIS OUTTA CONTROL TRUCK AND IT WAS COMING RIGHT AT ME...



MOTOKO MUST BE SO HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO LIVE OUT HER SCHOOL DAYS HERE WITH YOU.



I AM QUITE RELIEVED TO FIND OUT THAT ALL OF YOU WERE SUCH NICE PEOPLE.



I'M HERE TO TAKE YOU BACK HOME, OF COURSE.

...I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE QUITE OBVIOUS.

WELL, MOTOKO

...DID YOU SAY ?!

WHAT ...

REALLY ...

YEP, YEP. I SEE.

...IT'S NOT THAT TIME, YET. I THOUGHT WE HAD AGREED ON--

B- BUT, ONEESAN ...

WAIT... YOU WANT TO TAKE ME BACK HOME ?!

THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO TAKE OVER THE FAMILY BUSINESS, AS WE AGREED UPON LONG AGO.

THAT'S NOT GOING TO WORK! SHE'S NOT THE TYPE YOU CAN JUST TALK TO!  
I'M GOING TO REGRET DOING THIS, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE!

NO, ONEESAN!! I DON'T WANT TO GO!!

WELL THEN, SHALL WE?

FUU.

MUH WHAT ?

U- URASHI MA!! GET OVER HERE!

ISN'T THAT A BIT SUDDEN ?!

WAIT JUST A MINUTE THERE, TSURUKO!

AACCK!!

...BUT ... HE... HE...

URM, E- EXCUSE ME, ONEESAN, BUT ...



...ARE  
SECRETLY  
ENGAGED  
TO BE  
MARRIED  
!!

GLAD

HE...  
AND...  
I...  
ARE...



WHEN DID  
THIS  
HAPPEN?!

HOW DID IT HAPPEN?!

WHAT  
?!











SHE SEEMS LIKE A VERY CALM AND QUIET PERSON ON THE OUTSIDE...

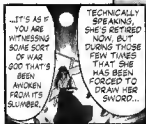


YEP, BUT JUST BARELY. IN THAT SITUATION, KITSUNE WAS A LIFE-SAVER.

MOTOKO, I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND ME ASKING, BUT WHY ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF YOUR SISTER?



PHREW, I GUESS WE SQUEAKED THROUGH THAT CRISIS, DIDN'T WE? THANK YOU AGAIN, URASHIMA.



...IT'S AS IF YOU ARE WITNESSING SOME SORT OF WAR GOO THAT'S BEEN AWOKEN FROM ITS SLUMBER.

TECHNICALLY SPEAKING, SHE'S RETIRED NOW, BUT DURING THOSE FEW TIMES THAT SHE HAS BEEN FORCED TO DRAW HER SWORD...

I WARNED YOU. DO NOT LOOK OVER HERE!



COMPARED TO MY SISTER, I AM NOTHING. BARELY EVEN A SPECK OF DUST AT HER FEET.

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT HER SKILLS AS A SWORDSMAN ARE GREATER THAN ALL THOSE WHO HAVE COME BEFORE AND AFTER HER IN ALL OF OUR SCHOOL'S HISTORY.



HONESTLY, MY COMING TO TOKYO WAS MY CHANCE TO RUN AWAY FROM EVERYTHING BACK HOME.

I... I SUPPOSE I'VE NEVER HAD THE CONFIDENCE THAT I COULD EVEN KEEP UP WITH MY OLDER SISTERS.



BUT IT'S TRUE!! AND STOP LOOKING!

WHAT'S IS THE 'GODS' CRY SCHOOL ANYWAY?!

THAT CAN'T BE! I KNOW YOU'RE A GREAT FIGHTER!



BUT YOU KNOW SOMETHING URASHIMA



I HAD NO IDEA THAT SHE HAD THAT MUCH TROUBLING HER. SHE ALWAYS SEEMED LIKE THE MOST CLEAR-HEADED PERSON I KNEW.

ONE DAY  
I HOPE TO  
BE AS  
STRONG  
AND  
NOBLE A  
SWORDS-  
MAN AS  
MY SISTER  
S.

I'M  
NOT  
GOING TO  
LET IT  
SIMPLY END  
LIKE THIS.  
I WON'T  
ALLOW  
IT.

...YOU'RE  
RIGHT,  
URASHIMA.

LOOK, I MEANT  
IT! I MAY BE  
A LOSER, BUT I  
DID MAKE IT  
INTO TOKYO U,  
AND IF I CAN  
ACCOMPLISH  
THAT INSANE  
GOAL, THEN I  
KNOW YOU CAN  
EASILY MEET  
YOURS.

MAY-  
BE...

DON'T  
YOU GIVE  
ME  
THAT  
POSITIVE  
OUTLOOK  
NON-  
SENSE!

...YOU  
CAN  
DO IT,  
MOTOKO!  
I  
KNOW  
YOU  
CAN!!

UM...

A  
LIE?  
A  
FABRICATION?

WHICH  
MEANS  
THAT  
EVERY-  
THING  
YOU'VE  
TOLD ME  
UP TO  
NOW  
WAS...

ARG  
HHH.  
YOU'RE  
KILLIN'  
ME  
HERE!

PSYCHE!! DID  
YOU REALLY  
THINK I'D SAY  
THAT AND  
BLUSH?! NOW  
GET AWAY  
FROM ME!  
THIS IS JUST  
AN ACT,  
REMEMBER!  
AN ACT!!

HUH?  
コオオ

OH  
CRAP!

ONEESAN  
?!

AN  
ACT?  
?

HMPH,  
SAVE IT  
FOR  
SOMEONE  
WHO  
CARES.

ONEESAN,  
THIS ISN'T  
WHAT YOU  
THINK IT IS!

OH,  
GOD...  
SHE'S  
POS-  
SESS-  
ED!!

SS  
PL  
OO  
OO  
SH!

I  
THINK  
WE  
JUST  
PISSED  
HER  
OFF.

TIME  
FOR  
YOUR  
PUNISH-  
MENT!!  
MOTOKO  
!!

HERE  
SHE  
COMES.

ゴォォォ...

ゴォォォ...

GET  
DOWN,  
URASHIMA!  
THIS  
IS  
MY  
FIGHT!!

THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE  
EASY, BUT I'VE BEEN  
TRAINING FOR THIS.

HOPEFULLY RETIREMENT  
HASTAKEN ITS TOLL ON  
HER. I SHOULD BE ABLE  
TO TAKE HER OUT NOW.







YOUR  
FAILED  
ATTEMPT  
AT DECEIV-  
ING ME,  
HAS DONE  
NOTHING...

HOW  
PATHETIC,  
YOUR  
SKILL IS  
UTTERLY  
ABYSMAL.

HENCEFORTH,  
YOU SHALL  
LIVE ONLY AS  
A NORMAL  
HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENT  
WOULD.

I WILL NOT  
ALLOW YOUR  
NAME TO  
SULLY THAT  
OF THE  
SACRED  
GODS' CRY  
SCHOOL.

MOTOKO,  
LISTEN  
AND  
LISTEN  
WELL.

...BUT  
BRING  
DIS-  
GRACE  
UPON  
YOUR-  
SELF.





ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

NO, NOT MY "SHISUI."

...DISCARDED.

#アア...

...I'VE BEEN

I...



AND IF YOU AREN'T, THEN I'D BE MORE GLAD TO ASK YOU OUT... AND I JUST SAID WAY TOO MUCH.

REALLY, I MEAN IT!! I WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY.

ははは



...STOP IT.

#アア....



EVEN IF YOU WERE JUST A NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, I KNOW YOU'D BE HAPPY!

MOTOKO, YOU... YOU'LL BE FINE, ALRIGHT?! I MEAN, IT'S YOU AND... AND YOU'VE GOT MORE GOING FOR YOU THAN YOU THINK! I MEAN LOOK AT YOU, YOU'RE PRETTY AND CUTE.

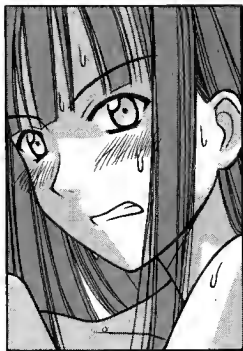


...DO YOU MEAN IT?

.....



HUH, ME? OH BOY.





FHIIP.



SO FROM  
THIS DAY  
FORTH I'M  
LEAVING THE  
PATH  
OF THE  
WARRIOR  
BEHIND



...COWARDLY  
ACTIONS  
THAT YOU  
HAD TO  
PAY THE  
ULTIMATE  
PRICE  
FOR MY  
DEBIT.

I'M  
SORRY  
SHISUI.  
IT'S  
BECAUSE  
OF  
MY...



...AND  
LIVE  
AS  
A  
WOMAN  
!!

I'M  
GOING  
TO  
FORGET  
THE  
WAY OF  
THE  
BLADE...







BUT  
I'VE  
EXPLAINED  
ALL  
THIS  
BEFORE.

CHECK THIS  
OUT, LAST  
NIGHT SHE  
BARGED INTO  
MY ROOM, WENT  
THROUGH MY  
DRAWERS,  
AND THEN  
STOLE MY  
OUTFIT! CAN YOU  
BELIEVE  
THAT?

EWW, SHE  
EVEN PUT  
A FRESH  
COAT OF  
WAX ON.  
♡

YEP, MISO  
WITH... HEY,  
THAT'S NOT  
THE POINT!  
WHY ARE  
YOU BEING  
SO HELP-  
FUL?!

AS I  
RECALL,  
YOU LIKED  
MISO SOUP  
WITH  
CLAMS,  
RIGHT?



HOLD ON,  
MOTOKO!  
LET'S  
THINK  
THIS  
THROUGH  
RATION-  
ALLY!!  
YOU  
DON'T  
WANNA  
DO  
THIS!!

I'M BEGGING  
YOU!  
PLEASE,  
DON'T KICK  
ME OUT! I  
PROMISE TO  
EARN MY  
KEEP! JUST  
PLEASE, LET  
ME STAY BY  
YOUR SIDE!!



I... I  
HAVE NO  
OTHER  
PLACE  
TO GO...  
EXCEPT  
HERE.

I'VE  
BEEN  
CUT OFF  
FROM  
MY OLD  
LIFE.



URASHIMA-  
SEMPAI,  
IF THIS  
IS ALL  
JUST A  
NUISANCE  
TO YOU...

WHAT  
THE  
HELL  
ARE  
YOU  
THINK-  
ING? DON'T  
DO IT!

SAY,  
WOULDN'T  
THIS BE THE  
PERFECT TIME  
FOR SOMEONE  
TO CALL UP  
NARU ALL THE  
WAY IN KYOTO  
AND TELL  
HER WHAT'S  
GOING ON?!



HAAH!!  
NO, IT...  
IT WAS  
JUST  
FORCE OF  
HABIT!  
AUU!

YOU DON'T  
EVEN HAVE  
A BLADE  
AND YOU'RE  
ALREADY  
TRYING TO  
KILL ME!!



KEITARO, YOU SURE  
ARE LUCKY THAT  
NARU'S OUT OF TOWN  
RIGHT NOW. THERE'S  
NO TELLING WHAT  
HER REACTION  
MIGHT BE.

WAMP  
NO, I...  
WIFEY  
?!

SOOO, H'MMM...  
KEITARO  
LIKES HAVING  
A PUSHY  
LITTLE WIFEY  
CONTROLLING  
HIM. GLAD YOU  
LIKED THOSE  
POINTERS,  
MOTOKO.







...A  
VERY  
SENSIBLE  
BREAK-  
FAST.  
ENJOY.

ON  
TODAY'S  
MENU,  
I'VE PRE-  
PARED FOR  
YOU...



SHE'S  
NOT  
JAPANESE,  
REMEM-  
BER?  
AND  
NEITHER  
AM I.

JAPANESE  
DON'T EAT  
DESSERT!  
AND USE  
THE CHOP-  
STICKS!!

WHERE'S  
THE  
BANANAS...  
AND THE  
DESSERT?  
WHERE'S  
THE  
DESSERT  
?!

MOTOKO  
URM,  
WHERE'S  
THE  
MEAT?

WHAT  
IS  
THIS  
CRAP?



SORRY,  
BUT WE  
CAN'T  
TAKE  
YOU  
SERI-  
OUSLY  
IN THAT  
OUTFIT!

BESIDES,  
THIS IS A  
WELL-  
BALANCED  
MEAL SO  
YOU CAN  
MAINTAIN A  
HEALTHY  
DIET.

A WARRIOR  
MUST LIVE  
HIS LIFE IN  
HONORABLE  
POVERTY.  
ONLY IN  
DOING SO  
ARE THEY  
REWARDED.



THE  
VEG-  
ETABLE  
DISH  
GOES  
WITH THE  
RICE,  
DOESN'T  
IT?



GUYS,  
MOTOKO  
DOES HAVE  
A POINT.  
OVER-EAT-  
ING ISN'T  
REALLY  
GOOD FOR  
YOU.

URRGHH  
...I FEEL  
SO...SO  
EMPTY.

I SUP-  
POSE  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT.



NO  
SECONDS!!  
LUNCH WILL  
BE SERVED  
AT NOON!!  
ANY  
SNACKING  
BEFORE  
THE  
SCHEDULED  
TIME IS  
STRICTLY  
PROHIBITED.  
NOW  
GET  
OUT!



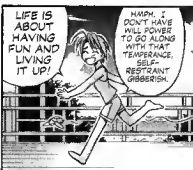
WAITRESS,  
CAN I  
GET  
ANOTHER  
BOWL OF  
RICE  
OVER HERE?

BUT I  
DON'T  
WANNA  
BE A  
WAR-  
RIOR!



AFTER ALL,  
ONE DRINK  
BRIGHT AND  
EARLY ALWAYS  
MAKES ME A  
HAPPY CAMPER.  
MY BOOBS  
NEED THE  
NUTRITION

OMHH!  
LOOKIE  
WHAT I  
FOUND, A  
BOTTLE OF  
"PRIMO"  
QUALITY  
SAKE.



LIFE IS  
ABOUT  
HAVING  
FUN AND  
LIVING  
IT UP!

HMPH, I  
DON'T HAVE  
WILL POWER  
TO GO ALONG  
WITH THAT  
TEMPERANCE,  
SELF-  
RESTRAINT  
GIBBERISH.



HOW COULD YOU DO SUCH A THING ?!



IT TASTES LIKE CRAP! IT'S SOUR!!



THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, KEITARO. CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

I KIND OF WANT TO DO THE LAUNDRY AGAIN.

UHHH. FOOD.

AI YI YI I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY-MORE!

...O THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.

SHE'S BEEN FORCED TO GIVE UP THE WAY OF THE SWORD AND LIVE LIKE A NORMAL WOMAN.

TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT, MOTOKO SUFFERED A HUMILIATING DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF HER OWN SISTER. HER OWN RELATIVES HAVE DISOWNED HER, SO TAKE IT EASY ON HER FOR NOW.

WHAT ?!

GUY! THERE'S A LOT OF STUFF THAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY THAT YOU DON'T ABOUT

IF WE CAN'T GET MOTOKO TO LAYOFF BEING SO HELPFUL, I WON'T EVER GET TO COOK AGAIN!

SHANNY SAYS SHE ACTUALLY HAS OWN SIBBS

BUT SHE'S ACTING SO WEIRD!

GRANTED, SHE WANTS TO BE GIRLY, BUT SHE'S GOING OVER-BOARD!

BUT MOTOKO IS GIVING THIS ALL SHE HAS.

I'M... STARVING !!

HMM? I WONDER WHAT EVERY-ONE'S DOING UP THERE? HEY, YOU G--

AND THIS DRESS... ONCE I GOT USED TO IT...

...IT REALLY KIND OF SUITS ME. ♡ YEE HEE.

MOTOKO ♡

IT'S A LOT EASIER THAN I EVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE. I JUST MAY HAVE FOUND MY CALLING.

LA LA LA ♡ WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT HOUSE-WORK COULD BE SO MUCH FUN?

AND THAT DRESS... IT TOTALLY DOESN'T GO WITH HER PERSONALITY.





I ALMOST FEEL BAD FOR SAYING THIS, BUT THERE IS JUST NO WAY THAT BOYISH MOTOKO COULD REALLY BECOME A NORMAL WOMAN OVER NIGHT. AND FOR THE RECORD, THAT OUTFIT REALLY ONLY LOOKS GOOD ON ME.



SHE WAS CRYING.

MM...

NO DINNER?

EHM, GUESS SHE MUST'VE HEARD THAT LAST PART.



DON'T DO SOMETHING RASH!

UW  
AA  
HH  
!!



HUH?



OW, MY FOOT...

...HUH?!

I EVEN TRIED DRESSING UP LIKE THIS HOPING IT WOULD HELP! BUT IT'S JUST A LOST CAUSE

YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE!!



SHUT UP AND LEAVE ME ALONE !!

MOTOKO, SLOW DOWN! WE'VE GOT TO TALK!



I DON'T EVEN KNOW A THING ABOUT HOW TO ACT FEMININE

YOU AND I BOTH KNOW THAT I'M NOTHING BUT A KENDO TOMBOY!

?!  
WHOA!

WAH!

OW!

WATCH OUT!





WHY  
A KISS,  
OF COURSE!  
♡



AN...  
INTH-  
MATE  
MO-  
MENT?  
YOU  
MEAN  
LIKE...  
?



I DO UNDER-  
STAND THAT,  
BUT SHE HAS  
ALWAYS  
CARRIED A  
DEEP SCAR  
THAT CANNOT  
BE HEALED  
UNLESS  
SHE BESTS  
ME IN  
BATTLE.

YOU CAN'T  
POSSIBLY BE  
SERIOUS.  
YOU'RE  
MOTOKO'S  
DREAM.  
YOU'RE  
EVERYTHING  
SHE'S  
EVER  
ASPIRED  
TO BE!

IT WAS AT  
THAT FATED  
MOMENT  
THAT MY  
SISTER  
DEVELOPED  
HER HATRED  
OF MEN AND  
TURTLES



AS THE STORY GOES  
I SOON GOT MARRIED  
AND ABANDONED MY  
DESTINY BUT MY CHOICE  
PUSHED MOTOKO TO  
LOSE SIGHT OF ALL  
HER GOALS. SHE EVEN  
WENT SO FAR AS TO  
RUN AWAY FROM  
THE DOJO TO GET  
EVEN WITH ME.



BESIDES,  
SHOULD YOU  
CHOOSE NOT  
TO HELP MY  
DEAR SISTER  
BECOME A  
TRUE SWORD-  
SMAN, THEN YOU  
HAVE NO  
OTHER CHOICE  
THAN TO MAKE  
HER A  
WOMAN.



AND SO I  
BESEECH  
YOU...  
PLEASE  
HELP HER  
THROUGH  
THIS.

IN  
ORDER FOR  
HER TO  
BECOME  
WHOLE  
AGAIN, SHE  
MUST  
DEFEAT  
ME.



HO HO HO.  
IT'S  
BECAUSE  
YOU AND  
MOTOKO  
MAKE AN  
ADORABLE  
LITTLE  
COUPLE.

BUT WHY  
ME? I'M  
JUST SOME  
GUY WITH A  
BROKEN LEG.  
HOW CAN I  
POSSIBLY  
HELP HER?!



OBVIOUSLY, AS  
LONG AS THAT  
EMOTIONAL  
SCAR REMAINS  
UNHEALED,  
THAT GIRL  
WILL NEVER BE  
COMPLETE.  
NOT AS A  
SWORDSMAN,  
NOR AS A  
WOMAN.

MYU!

EHH, WHAT DO  
TURTLES  
HAVE TO  
DO WITH  
THIS  
STORY?!

OW!



YOU'RE  
TOTALLY  
NUTS  
!!

AFTER  
ALL YOU  
MUST TAKE  
RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR THE LIES  
YOU TOLD ME  
♡

BY WHICH I  
MEAN, I'LL  
HAVE YOU TAKE  
MOTOKO AS  
YOUR WIFE, OF  
COURSE.



CAN  
I JUST  
LEAVE THE  
ANSWER  
BLANK LIKE  
ON THE  
SAT?

SO,  
WHICH  
IS IT?

WELL THEN KEITARO,  
MAKE YOUR DECISION.  
WILL YOU HELP  
HER DEFEAT ME, OR  
TAKE MOTOKO AS  
YOUR BRIDE?



WHAT  
THEY?  
SHE'S  
GONE?  
!!

AHH, I'VE GOT  
TO SNAP OUT  
OF IT! I'M IN  
LOVE WITH  
NARU!!



ボクボクボク

I COULD GET  
ONE OF THOSE  
PLUSH OFFICE  
JOBS. MAYBE  
HAVE A COUPLE  
OF KIDS. YEAH,  
IT'LL BE NICE.  
THOUGH I DON'T  
KNOW ABOUT  
HER IN-LAWS



MAYBE, MARRYING  
MOTOKO WON'T BE  
THAT BAD... MAYBE  
IF WE HIT IT OFF,  
WE CAN BECOME  
A HAPPY  
COUPLE.



GREAT...  
RAIN.



SHE  
A  
NINJA  
?

I SHALL  
RETURN  
TO KYOTO  
AND  
AWAIT  
YOUR  
ARRIVAL.  
GOOD  
LUCK--

HOW'D  
SHE  
DO  
THAT  
?



AHH, YOU'RE OUT HERE ALL ALONE, TOO.



HUH, A DOG?



A GLOOMY FINISH TO FOR THE WORST WEEK OF MY LIFE.

I'VE RUN AWAY FROM EVERYONE AT MINATA HOUSE, BUT WHERE CAN I GO NOW?



WHAT THE HECK AM I DOING?



KYAAH!!



UG HH!!



YOU FILTHY MUTT!! LEGGO!!

I'M A FAILURE AS A SWORDSWOMAN AND AS A WOMAN!...  
...WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT DO I EVEN HAVE LEFT?



WANNA WALK HOME TOGETHER?

U-URA-SHI-MA?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALL THE WAY OUT HERE?



PPP PPPP









PLEASE,  
HELP ME,  
KEITARO!

うわあああ

WHAT  
AM I  
GOING  
TO  
DO?!













## Love Hina





# Love Hina

HINATA 74

Burn Up Blade: Part 3

Battle Royal:

Big Sister VS. Little Sister





SO MY DEAR SISTER...

COME BACK WHEN YOU CAN OFFER ME A REAL CHALLENGE

...ARE YOU READY TO SCAMPER BACK TO TOKYO WITH YOUR TAIL BETWEEN YOUR LEGS?

NOT ON YOUR LIFE, ONEESAN !!

RAA AH!

WHO IS THAT ?!



WHAT IS SHE... A DEMON ?!

YAAA !!

BR AG HH!



OOPS.

CAN'T SHE CUT US SOME SLACK?

OWWIE

EH EH.

LEVEL UP?! LH NARA... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? YOU CAN'T TAKE ON SOMETHING THAT STRONG! YOU NEED TO LEVEL UP FIRST!



...THEN I SHALL SEE YOU FIT TO CARRY ON THE GODS' CRY SCHOOL NAME AND ALLOW YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR EXTENDED TRAINING IN TOKYO.

DURING THIS WEEKLONG MELEE, IF YOU CAN BEST ME IN BATTLE USING ANY HONORABLE MEANS NEC-  
ESSARY...

GIVE HER ONE FOR ME TOO!!

...VEN-  
GEANCE  
WILL  
BE  
MINE  
!!

IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN !!

KEITARO, WHAT WERE YOU THINK-  
ING?!

...YOU BOTH MUST PREPARE TO TAKE YOUR MAR-  
RIAGE VOWS IMME-  
DIATELY.

...YOU SHALL BE BANISHED FROM THIS MARTIAL ARTS DOJO AND...

HOW-  
EVER,  
SHOULD  
YOU  
FAIL...

WAH  
?!

HMM PH.

URG  
GH...

URM,  
YES.

OH,  
AND YOU...  
UHH,  
NARU-  
SAN...  
WAS IT?

IF YOU  
HAVE THE  
TIME, WOULD  
YOU CARE  
TO STAY  
FOR THE  
WEDDING  
RECEPTION?

MY  
DEAR  
SISTER,  
YOUR  
THOUGHTS  
ARE  
CLOUDED.

SO  
LONG AS  
THEY  
REMAIN  
THAT WAY,  
YOU SHALL  
NEVER  
DEFEAT  
ME.

IT'S NOT  
WHAT  
YOU  
THINK,  
NARU!  
PLEASE,  
JOIN OUR  
CAUSE!!

ONEESAN,  
ONE  
MORE  
ROUND  
!!

WELL  
THEN, LET  
ME SHOW  
YOU TO  
YOUR  
ROOM AND  
THE BATH  
AREA.

WHY I  
WOULD LOVE  
TO STAY.  
THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
GENEROSITY.

NOT  
THE  
LOOK!

.....

ENV...



ARE YOU  
OUT OF  
YOUR MIND?!  
THAT  
SWORD IS  
EMANATING  
SOME  
STRANGE  
AURA, IT'LL  
PROBABLY  
POSSESS  
ME OR  
STEAL MY  
SOUL IF I  
USE IT!!

WHY  
DON'T WE  
JUST GO  
AHEAD AND  
TRY USING  
MY SWORD?

"HINA: THE  
OMINOUS  
BLADE"



I NOW  
SEE WHY  
MY SISTER IS  
NICKNAMED  
"THE  
UNDEFEATED  
OF THE  
EAST." A  
FULL-ON  
FRONTAL  
ATTACK IS IM-  
POSSIBLE.

...YOU  
GOT  
ANY  
BRIGHT  
IDEAS,  
MOTOKO  
?

THIS  
IS  
LOOK-  
ING  
KINDA  
BAD...



URASHIMA, I  
WARNED YOU  
AND YOU DID-  
N'T LISTEN!!  
JUST PUT  
THE SWORD  
DOWN!!  
AND HE  
WANTED TO  
GIVE THAT TO  
ME?!



WITH THIS  
NEW BODY,  
I SHALL  
RECLAIM  
JAPAN!



OHMMH...  
THIS BODY  
FEELS  
NICE... A  
BIT  
SCRAWNY,  
THOUGH...  
AH, WELL!



HMM. YOU  
READ MY  
MIND,  
THAT'S THE  
SAME THING  
I WAS  
THINKING.



OH WELL, IF  
WE CAN'T  
USE THE  
SWORD, THEN  
I GUESS  
WE'LL JUST  
HAVE TO  
CATCH YOUR  
SISTER WHEN  
SHE'S OFF  
GUARD.



WHILE THIS  
BLADE DOES  
HAVE THE  
POWER TO  
EQUALLY  
MATCH MY  
SISTER,  
IT'S TOO  
UNPRE-  
DICTABLE  
TO BE  
USEFUL.



FROM WHAT I  
WITNESSED, I'M  
POSITIVE THAT  
SOMETHING HORRIFY-  
ING HAS BEEN  
SEALED WITHIN  
THIS BLADE. ONCE  
DRAWN FROM ITS  
SHEATH, IT'S AS  
IF THE SWORD  
TAKES OVER  
THE USER'S  
MIND AND  
BODY.



I CAN THINK  
OF ONLY ONE  
PLACE AND  
THAT'S  
WHERE WE'RE  
GOING.



IS THERE ANY  
PLACE, WHERE  
YOUR SISTER  
WOULD BE WITH-  
OUT HER WEAPON?



ARE  
YOU  
SURE  
YOU DID-  
N'T JUST  
IMAGINE  
IT ALL?



I  
HAVEN'T  
HAD A  
RELAXING  
BATH LIKE  
THIS IN  
AGES.

MMM



OH...  
WELL...  
NOT REALLY.  
AFTER ALL,  
THAT  
DUMBASS  
SOMEHOW  
MADE IT  
IN AS  
WELL.

HMM,  
YOU  
MUST  
BE  
EXCEPTION-  
ALLY  
SMART  
THEN.

SO  
YOU'RE  
A TOKYO  
UNI-  
VERSITY  
STUDENT  
AS WELL  
?



UM, YOU  
THINK YOU  
MIGHT BE  
OVERDOING IT  
A BIT WITH  
THE WHOLE  
ASSASSIN  
THING?

THIS COULD  
BE OUR  
CHANCE. IT  
CERTAINLY  
LOOKS AS IF  
SHE'S OFF  
GUARD.



THANKS  
FOR LET-  
TING ME  
STAY.

EXCUSE  
ME, I HAVE  
SOME WORK  
I NEED TO  
ATTEND TO.

MAYBE  
THAT'S  
WHERE  
MOTOKO  
GET'S  
HER LOOKS  
FROM.



COULD  
ALL THE  
WOMEN  
HERE  
LOOK LIKE  
THAT?  
SHAME,  
MY TAN  
LOOKS A  
BIT OUT  
OF PLACE.

WOW,  
HER  
SKIN  
IS SO  
WHITE.



MAYBE I  
SHOULD  
HAVE  
LISTENED  
TO THEM.

I WONDER IF  
KEITARO AND  
MOTOKO  
REALLY... NO,  
THERE'S JUST  
NO WAY.



HMM  
?

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YOU  
SEEM  
KIND OF...  
STRESS-  
ED

NOW  
TELL ME  
WHAT ON  
EARTH ARE  
YOU TWO  
TRYING TO  
DO.







WHY'D YOU ASK THAT?

...AND YOU HAD TO MARRY ME?

WOULD IT REALLY BE SO BAD IF WE LOST...

TOMORROW'S MY LAST DAY... I'VE GOT TO STAY FOCUSED!

WHAT IS GOING THROUGH MY HEAD?!

I TOLD YOU TO DROP IT!!

BUT, WHY?

I... YAAH HH!

IT'S NOTHING ALL RIGHT! JUST FORGET I SAID ANYTHING

DOES THIS MEAN THAT YOU ACTUALLY

THAT COULD ONLY MEAN...

IT'S ALMOST LIKE THE PAIN I FELT WHEN MY SISTER GOT MARRIED.

...THOSE TWO TOGETHER?

AND YET WHAT IS THIS PAIN THAT I FEEL IN MY HEART WHEN I SEE...

...NOT POSSIBLE.

THAT'S JUST...

...I LIKE URASHIMA?

.....



...THIS  
WILL BE  
OUR  
FINAL  
BATTLE.

PRE-  
PARA-  
TIONS  
ARE  
COM-  
PLETE...

THOSE  
ARE THERE  
SO WE CAN  
START THE  
WEDDING  
CEREMONY  
THE  
MOMENT  
THEY LOSE.

HEY, QUES-  
TION. WHY  
DOES THIS  
PLACE LOOK  
MORE LIKE A  
WEDDING  
RECEPTION  
THAN A BAT-  
TLEGROUND?



I'M  
QUITE  
SURE  
THAT  
SHE--

THE PATH THAT  
A PERSON WISH-  
ES TO FOLLOW  
MUST BE SOWN  
BY THEIR HANDS  
ALONE.

DON'T YOU THINK  
THAT FORCING  
THEM TO GET  
MARRIED IS A  
LITTLE EXTREME?



WELL  
THEN...

AH  
MOTOKO-  
CHAN  
I'VE  
BEEN  
WAITING  
FOR YOU.

I  
ACTUALLY  
FELL  
ASLEEP IN  
THAT  
TREE.

SORRY  
TO  
KEEP  
YOU  
WAIT-  
ING!!

...LET  
US  
BEGIN  
!!!

ULTIMATE  
TECHNIQUE  
!!

HAVE TO  
PUT  
EVERY-  
THING  
INTO THIS  
FIRST  
STRIKE.

PETTY  
TRICKS  
WON'T  
WORK  
AGAINST  
MY SISTER  
THIS TIME!

ARE WE  
WITNESS-  
ING  
MOTOKO'S  
TRUE  
STRENGTH  
?

THAT  
WAS  
A  
CLOSE  
CALL!

THUNDER  
BLADE  
!!

ALL  
THAT  
ATTACK  
DID WAS  
SINGE  
MY  
HAIR

NOT  
GOOD  
ENOUGH!



PREPARE  
YOUR  
SELF!!

HOLD  
ON  
MOTOKO  
!!!

YOU  
AREN'T  
EVEN TRY-  
ING! DO  
YOU WISH  
FOR ME  
TO END  
THIS RIGHT  
NOW?!

MARK  
MY WORDS,  
YOU WILL  
CARRY THE  
SHAME YOU  
ARE ABOUT  
TO EXPERI-  
ENCE ALL  
THE WAY  
TO YOUR  
GRAVE!





HO HO HO...  
NOW IT'S  
ACTUALLY  
BEGINNING  
TO GET  
INTEREST-  
ING!



...YOU'RE  
TRYING JUST  
A BIT TOO  
HARD? YOU  
DO HAVE A  
BROKEN LEG,  
AFTER ALL.

DON'T  
YOU  
THINK...





OH MY GOD, LOOK AT HER EYES!



I RECOGNIZE THAT SWORD! IT'S THE LEGENDARY OMINOUS BLADE KNOWN AS "HINA" THAT PLUNGED...

WE'RE SCREWED!



KAKA KAK.



THE SWORD MUST BE LEECHING THE GIRL'S LIFE FORCE IN ORDER TO EXPAND ITS DARK POWER.







AHH.  
A ZOMBIE!!

NARU  
QUICK  
BEHIND  
YOU!!

HUH?  
W-  
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?



ONEESAN...



...MOTOKO,  
PLEASE  
TRAIN  
WELL!



JUST  
KEEP  
RUN-  
NING!!

MOTOKO,  
AIM FOR  
THE HEAD!  
KILL IT!  
KILL IT!!



IF THAT  
SWORD  
USES IT'S  
HOST TO  
STEAL A  
VICTIM'S  
LIFE  
FORCE BY  
KISSING  
THEM!!

DI-  
NG-  
A-  
LING.

...THEN  
ALL I  
HAVE  
TO DO  
IS FIND  
THE  
SWORD  
AND  
THEN...

...THEN  
ALL I  
HAVE  
TO DO  
IS FIND  
THE  
SWORD  
AND  
THEN...

BLUSH.



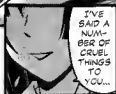
STAND  
DOWN,  
URA-  
SHI-  
MA!!

SOME-  
BODY  
HELP  
ME!!









I'VE SAID A NUMBER OF CRUEL THINGS TO YOU...



I MUST BE GETTING OLD.

YOU SEALED AWAY SOMETHING THAT BESTED EVEN ME.



IM-PRES-SIVE.



I'M VERY PROUD OF YOU

...BUT YOU HAVE PROVEN YOUR WORTH TO ME.



...ONEE SAN!

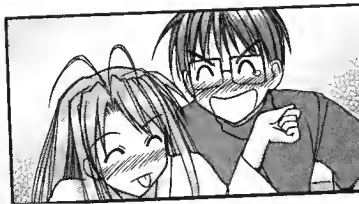


...THANK YOU...

YOU MEAN ...







YOU  
CAN  
SEE THE  
WHOLE  
MILKY  
WAY!

CHECK  
IT  
OUT!

I EVEN HEARD THAT  
THIS YEAR THEY'VE  
GOT A MASSIVE FIRE-  
WORKS COMPETITION  
PLANNED. CAN YOU  
IMAGINE THE NUMBER  
OF TOURISTS THERE'S  
GONNA BE?



HEY, THAT'S  
RIGHT, JULY 7 IS  
NEXT WEEK.  
THAT MEANS WE  
CAN ALL HEAD  
INTO THE CITY  
AND CHECK OUT  
THIS YEAR'S  
FESTIVAL OF  
THE WEAVER.

REALLY  
NOW?

# Love Hina

HINATA.75 Shinobu's B-Line to Tokyo U ♡



MMM  
LOOKS  
LIKE  
THEY  
STARTED  
WITHOUT

HURRY  
IT UP I  
WANT  
SOME  
SAKE!!



KEITARO  
COME  
CHECK  
OUT  
OUR  
YUKATAS



WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT TO BEGIN WITH?

I'M GONNA WISH FOR A LOT-TAN OF BANANAS!

UH, ANYWAY, MAKE SURE YOU WRITE DOWN A WISH AND TIE IT TO THE TREE OVER THERE.



WHO CARES IF IT RAINS? YOU CAN STILL GO OUT ON A DATE IF IT'S RAINING. WHAT ARE THEY, STUPID?

THEY ONLY GET TO GO OUT ONCE A YEAR?! THAT MUST BE ONE WILD NIGHT!

WAS THAT HOW THE STORY WENT?



IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I HEARD THE STORY. BUT WHAT I KNOW IS THAT IF THE SKY IS CLEAR ON JULY 7TH, THEN TWO STAR-CROSSED LOVERS, PRINCESS WEAVER AND, UM, PRINCE STAR, WILL BE REUNITED AND GET TO GO OUT ON A DATE... OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

IF IT RAINS, THEN THE DATE'S A NO GO.



ALL RIGHT, JUST GET OFF ME!

KEITARO!! TELL US THE STORY OF THE WEAVER FEST!!



IT SEEMS MOTOKO'S PUTTING THE "HINA" BLADE TO GOOD USE. THIS SHOULD BE A GOOD SHOW!

I CAN SEE IT IN YOUR EYES!!

MY EYES? WHAT ABOUT YOURS? THEY'RE GLOWING!!



HOW CAN YOU TELL WHAT I'M THINKING?!



URASHIMA, THOSE PERVERSED THOUGHTS WILL GET YOU NOWHERE.

THERE'S ONE THING ABOUT YUKATAS THAT I LOVE. WHEN THEY GET LOOSE YOU CAN SEE--



IT TOOK A WHILE, BUT THINGS ARE SLOWLY GOING BACK TO NORMAL BETWEEN NARU AND ME!

STILL, I HOPE THIS DOESN'T MEAN THAT SHE'S FORGOTTEN ABOUT MY BELT-SIDE CONFESSION.

YEAH, YEAH.

YOU HAVE-N'T CHANGED A BIT.



NOT YOU TOO !!

ENJOY YOUR WORK OUT?



WHAT'D YA WISH, HUH? A SEA OF BANANAS?

SO, YOU MAKING A WISH ALSO?

AHH... YOU'RE HERE!!



EH, SHIN-OBU?

IT MIGHT BE TOO MUCH TO WISH FOR, BUT IF THE WEATHERMAN SAYS IT WON'T RAIN, THEN MAYBE I'LL FINALLY GET A RESPONSE FROM NARU. SHOULD I WRITE THAT WISH DOWN?



HMM, I WONDER WHAT SHE COULD BE THINKING ABOUT... ROUST CAN'T READ HER.

WOULD IT BE SO WEIRD IF I UP AND ASKED HER? YET, IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO GO ON LIKE WE ARE THAN TO TOTALLY RUIN OUR FRIENDSHIP.







...PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE OTOHIME FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS.

IT'S VERY HUSH HUSH.

R- REALLY, YOU MEAN IT?!

ALRIGHT, SHINOBU, I'LL HELP YOU OUT. I'VE GOT THIS SECRET TECHNIQUE THAT'S BEEN...

ACK!! NO... I... OF COURSE NOT!!

KITSUNE MUST BE SPREADING THESE RUMORS!



IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'RE AIMING FOR TOKYO U BECAUSE YOU WANT TO GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS KEI-KUN?

THAT'S ALL FINE AND DANDY, BUT MY DREAM ISN'T TO BE WITH SEMPAAI... IT'S TO GO TO TOKYO U LIKE SEMPAAI!!



THEN, IF YOU FOLD THE PAPER KINCA AT AN ANGLE AND EAT IT ALONG WITH SOME WATERMELON, THEN IT'S SAID THAT YOUR FEELINGS WILL BE EXPRESSED TO THE PERSON YOU LIKE.

OKAY, NAME ON PAPER, GOT IT.



FIRST, YOU NEED TO WRITE THE NAME OF THE PERSON YOU LIKE ON A SQUARE PIECE OF PAPER.

I'M GOING TO TRY AND GET INTO TOKYO UNIVERSITY.



SEMPAI, I'VE MADE MY DECISION.



DON'T WORRY BOSS! THIS PAPER IS A SECRET! I SWEAR! I'M ONLY TALKING ABOUT TOKYO U!

MUTSUMI, IF YOU EAT PAPER, YOU'LL GET A STOMACH ACHE!



FUNNY THAT I'D REMEMBER THAT.

JUST-GIVE IT YOUR BEST, ALLRIGHT? THAT'S ALL YOU CAN HOPE FOR.

ARE MY GRADES REALLY THAT BAD... AM I A LOST CAUSE?

THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL.

HUH? BUT, NARU, YOU'RE STILL ONLY A SOPHOMORE AND--







SEMPAI,  
THIS IS  
PER-  
FECT!!

YOU THINK I  
CAN TAKE A  
KICKBACK  
FROM THIS?

Contract  
20Y  
an hour

OKAY, I'M  
UP FOR A  
CHALLENGE. IF  
YOU THINK I'M  
GOOD ENOUGH,  
THEN I'D BE  
HONORED TO BE  
YOUR TUTOR.



S-  
SHINOBU,  
YOU  
REALLY  
MEAN  
IT?

IT'S HARD  
TO BELIEVE  
THAT YOU'D  
TRUST ME,  
THAT MUCH.



AHEM.

T-  
THANK  
YOU SO  
MUCH!!



JUST BECAUSE  
SHINOBU'S  
CUTE AND  
INNOCENT,  
DOESN'T MEAN  
YOU CAN SHEL-  
TER HER FROM  
THE HORRORS  
OF HIGHER  
MATH.

KEITARO, YOU  
BETTER ACTUALLY  
TEACH HER FOR  
REAL, AND NOT  
ANY OF THAT  
WEIRD STUFF, OR  
YOU'RE GOING TO  
ANSWER TO ME.



SHE'S  
IN  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL  
FOR  
CHRIS-  
SAKE.

I STILL DON'T  
KNOW WHY  
NARU IS BEING  
SO THREATEN-  
ING. I MEAN,  
WHAT KIND OF  
WEIRD STUFF  
COULD I POS-  
SIBLY TEACH  
HER THAT SHE  
DOESN'T  
ALREADY  
KNOW?



LANDLORD'S  
ROOM



WHATEVER,  
IT DOESN'T  
MATTER!  
JUST  
TEACH HER  
A BUNCH OF  
USEFUL  
STUFF!!

WHAT  
KIND OF  
WEIRD  
STUFF  
ARE WE  
TALKING  
ABOUT?



WHAT  
THE  
HELL  
AM I  
THINK-  
ING? THIS  
ISN'T  
SOME  
DATING  
SIM!

JJ  
JJ

UHM,  
YES,  
COME  
IN.



IT'S  
HARD TO  
BELIEVE  
THAT  
YOU'D  
TRUST  
ME  
THAT  
MUCH.  
PLEASE,  
TEACHER...  
TEACH  
ME!



IT'S  
ALMOST  
TIME FOR  
MY FIRST  
TUTOR-  
ING SES-  
SION. I  
WONDER  
WHY I'M  
SO NERV-  
OUS.



IF YOU  
WANT, I  
CAN TEACH  
YOU A FEW  
OF MY  
TEST TAK-  
ING SKILLS.  
I'VE GOT  
THIS REAL-  
LY GOOD  
PENCIL  
TRICK. ♡

I WASN'T  
PLANNING  
ANYTHING  
WEIRD,  
HONEST!!

ACK!  
NARU?  
IT'S NOT  
WHAT  
YOU  
THINK!!

I'M  
READY  
TO  
LEARN  
ALL  
YOU  
KNOW!

AH,  
GOOD  
EVENING,  
SEMPAI!

IT WAS  
NARU'S  
IDEA,  
SHE SAID IF  
I DRESSED  
UP  
LIKE THIS  
THAT I COULD  
RETAIN MORE  
OF WHAT I  
LEARNED.

HEY, HOLD  
ON... IS  
THAT YOU,  
SHINOBU?  
WHY ARE  
YOU  
DRESSED  
LIKE  
THAT?

TRUST ME,  
NONE OF  
THAT'S  
GONNA  
HELP YOU  
AT ALL!!

OH, AND  
MUTSUMI  
SUGGESTED I  
SHOULD BRING  
SOME WATER  
MELON'S  
ALONG.

WHAT  
DO I  
DO? I  
CAN'T  
EVEN  
ANSWER  
THE  
FIRST  
QUESTION!!

BUT...  
THIS  
DOESN'T  
MAKE  
ANY  
SENSE.

AHH, I'M ACTUALLY  
GETTING TO STUDY  
WITH SEMPAI!! I'VE  
BEEN WAITING FOR  
THIS MOMENT MY  
ENTIRE LIFE!!

YES  
SIR!  
LET  
'ER  
RIP!

OKAY, LET'S  
GET  
STARTED.  
HOW ABOUT  
SOME BASIC  
MATH  
QUESTIONS  
?

HUH...?

I FEEL  
SO  
EMBARRASSED  
TO ASK  
HIM FOR  
HELP  
RIGHT  
AWAY.  
WHAT  
SHOULD I  
DO?

THIS FEELS LIKE THAT DRAMA SERIES I WATCH! IS HE GOING TO...

WHY IS HE LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

SHINOBU ...

...COULD YOU--

IT'S OKAY. I DON'T MIND... I MEAN IT'S KINDA LIKE A SIGN THAT YOU'RE REALLY INTO THIS.

KYAAAH!! I-I'M DIDN'T MEAN TO FLASH YOU!!

EHH?

UM, YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER CROSSING YOUR LEGS.

NEVER THE LESS, I'VE GOT TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.

AHHH, HOW COULD I DO THAT TO HIM?

YOU SEEM STUMPED, IS THERE SOMETHING YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND?

MM MM MM MM



WITH MATH, YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN THE BASICS, AND THEN THE REST WILL JUST COME TO YOU ONE DAY.

BUT IT'S...

SORRY FOR DISAPPOINTING YOU, BUT I JUST SUCK AT FRACTIONS.

IT DIDN'T CLICK FOR ME UNTIL LAST YEAR!

YOU JUST START-ED!! GET BACK HERE!!

OH, GOOD-BYE TOKYO U. IT WAS NICE WHILE THE DREAM LASTED!



WAIT, CALM  
DOWN! YOU  
GOTTA REMEM-  
BER TAMA-  
CHAN'S  
SMARTER THAN  
YOUR AVERAGE  
TURTLE!!

EVEN THE  
TURTLE'S  
SMARTER  
THAN ME!!

MY HAIR?  
I FIGURED  
IT WAS  
ABOUT  
TIME FOR  
A NEW  
LOOK.

I JUST  
NOTICED  
SOMETHING.  
ARE YOU  
LETTING  
YOUR HAIR  
GROW OUT?

IF  
YOU  
SAY  
SO.

OKAY,  
LET'S TRY  
THIS  
AGAIN..

HOW ABOUT  
WE FOCUS  
ON ENGLISH  
INSTEAD?

ACTUALLY, MY  
HAIR DOESN'T  
STAND UP LIKE  
NARU'S. SO I  
PUT A PIECE  
OF WIRE IN IT.

AH,  
COOL  
IT IS  
WIRE.

YOU'VE  
EVEN  
GOT A  
CUTE  
PAIR OF  
ANTEN-  
NAS AS  
WELL.

WHOA,  
WE  
DON'T  
WANT  
NARU TO  
HEAR US  
YELLING!!

NO, IT'S NOT!  
IT'S WHEN  
SHE STARTS  
GETTING A  
BIGGER  
CHEST!! I'M  
NOT GROWN  
UP YET!!

HUM?

THE FIRST SIGN  
THAT A GIRL'S  
GROWING UP IS  
WHEN SHE  
STARTS  
WORRYING  
ABOUT HER  
HAIR.

I  
KINDA  
WISH MY  
HAIR  
WASN'T  
SO DARK.  
I'M  
THINKING  
ABOUT  
DYEING

SEMPAI...

AH  
HM.

AHH, I GOT IT NOW! I FEEL SMARTER ALREADY!!

UMMMM, THE TRAIN WOULD BE X AND THE TRAIN IT HITS WOULD BE XY AND THE HEIGHT OF THE EXPLOSION WOULD EXTEND UPWARD TO 75 FEET, THEN--

AHEM  
I BROUGHT YOU GUYS A SNACK.

HEY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE SO SOON!!

AHH, I JUST REMEMBER, I NEED TO WASH SOME DISHES!!

THE LAST THING I WANT IS TO HAVE NARU AND SEMPAI MIXED UP IN SOME BIG MISUNDERSTANDING!!

HOW DARE YOU ACCUSE US LIKE THAT!!  
AHH, SHE HEARD US!!

YOU TWO ARE ACTING A BIT SUSPICIOUS.

ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT WAS SEMPAI. I COULDN'T EVEN BEGIN TO PAY ATTENTION. NO WONDER TAMA-CHAN DID BETTER THAN ME!!

WHAT WAS I THINKING?!

AH, MY LEGS !!

DO YOU GET OFF ON MAKING SHINOBU CRY?!

NO, THAT LOOK AGAIN !!

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?!

YOU ALL RIGHT?

IT'S NO USE. I'M A FAILURE.

DIDN'T REALLY SOUND THAT WAY TO ME...

YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG! WHAT YOU SAW WASN'T WHAT YOU THOUGHT! SEMPAI REALLY WAS TEACHING ME!!

SORRY THE WHOLE TUTOR THING DIDN'T PAN OUT LIKE YOU WANTED.

N-NARU, I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO COME IN SO SOON!

I HAD NO IDEA.

IT TAKES TOO MUCH HARD WORK JUST TO GET IN. YOU CAN'T FOOL AROUND AT ALL, AND FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, YOU MISS OUT ON A LOT OF FUN EXPERIENCES IF YOU AREN'T CAREFUL. YOU CAN'T JUST WAKE UP AND SAY, "I WANT GO TO TOKYO!!"

HONESTLY, I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND TOKYO U AS THE BEST COLLEGE FOR YOU.

...BUT IF YOU SAY SO.

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT SETA, AREN'T YOU?

I STUDIED SO HARD, THINKING THAT HE'D ASK ME OUT, THAT... I ENDED UP GETTING THE TOP SCORE ON MY MOCK EXAM.

IN MY CASE, I HAD THIS REALLY BAD CRUSH ON MY TUTOR, AND IT HELPED TO EXCEL BECAUSE I WANTED TO IMPRESS HIM.

HUH?!

WHEN I LOOK AT YOU, I CAN'T HELP BUT SEE SOME PART OF THE OLD ME.

IF YOU SAY SO.

I DON'T MEAN TO PROJECT MY EXPERIENCES ONTO YOU, SO DON'T TAKE ANY OF THIS THE WRONG WAY!

WAIT!!

LOOKING BACK ON THAT NOW, I MUST HAVE BEEN CRAZY FOR DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T EVER GIVE UP ON IT, SHINOBU. JUST GIVE IT YOUR BEST.

AT THE SAME TIME, IT'S THE BEST FEELING IN THE WORLD WHEN YOU TRY AND STRIVE WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT FOR THAT ONE PRECIOUS THING IN YOUR LIFE.

I'LL  
DO  
MY  
BEST  
!!

Y-YES  
MA'AM  
!!

SHE'S  
BEING  
SO  
HONEST.



HOW ABOUT  
"PLEASE LET  
ME BECOME  
SMART LIKE  
NARU." YEAH.  
THAT  
SHOULD  
WORK

I THINK  
I'M  
GONNA GO  
BACK AND  
CHANGE  
MY  
EARLIER  
WISH.

...SHE EVER  
GOT THE  
CHANCE TO  
GO ON A  
DATE WITH  
SETA  
OR NOT.

I FORGOT  
TO ASK  
NARU  
IF...

...WOULD  
SEMPAI  
GO OUT  
ON A DATE  
WITH ME?

HMM, IF  
I GOT  
FIRST  
PLACE  
ON MY  
EXAMS...

I  
HOPE  
I'M AS  
COOL AND  
DEVELOPED  
AS HER  
ONE  
DAY.

WOW  
NARU  
REALLY HAS  
BEEN  
THROUGH A  
LOT. I  
SHOULD  
TALK TO  
HER MORE  
OFTEN







ON THAT NOTE, IT'S TIME TO STUDY STUDY STUDY!

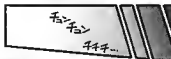
GUESS I'LL SAVE THIS ON UNTIL NEXT YEAR.



I'M NOT SURE IF THIS COUNTS AS ONE OR TWO WISHES.

LET ME SCORE THE HIGHEST ON MY EXAMS SO THAT SEMPAI AND I CAN GO OUT ON A DATE TO CELEBRATE.

EH? HEE.



OH DANG IT, I MUST'VE FALLEN ASLEEP AND DROOLED.



HUH? IS IT MORNING?



...NO WAY !! THESE --

THAT'S NOT...



AMAZING! YOU GOT THE ENTIRE MATH SECTION RIGHT!!

WAH... IS THIS FOR REAL ?!

SHINOBU, WHAT'S ALL THE COMMO-TION ABOUT?

SEMPAI !! YOU GOTTA SEE THIS !!

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MAEHARA, THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU. I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO ACE THE TEST, BUT THIS IS... THIS IS SOMETHING ELSE. I CAN UNDERSTAND IF YOU WERE SICK, BUT YOU SEEMED FINE TO ME.



WHAT IS IT?

NARU, I HAD A QUESTION ABOUT SHINOBU.



NO ONE'S THAT DENSE! HOW COULD HE NOT TELL?

HEY, IS SOMETHING WRONG? HE... HE CAN'T BE THAT DENSE!

AH HA HA HA. I'LL TAKE THAT REACTION AS A "YEAH RIGHT"!



YOU SEE, I WAS SORTA WONDERING... DO YOU THINK SHE LIKES ME? AS IN LIKE LIKE? SHE DID USE THE WORD "DATE."



SEMPAI... I-I-I FAILED!... JUST KILL ME NOW.

FINALLY... I-I'M HOME.



HEY, WATCH IT!!

YOU... YOU STUPID DUMB-ASS!!







# Love Hina

HINATA.76 I Wanna Grow Up!







IS... IS  
THAT ALL  
THAT  
THESE  
PEOPLE  
THINK  
I'M GOOD  
FOR  
?!

MYUH.

SHE  
NEEDS TO  
COME  
HOME  
QUICK AND  
FIX ME  
SOME DIN  
DIN.

はえ

I AGREE,  
NO ONE  
COOKS  
QUITE  
LIKE  
SHINOBU.

YEAH.

WITH  
SHINOBU  
GONE LIKE  
THIS, WHO'S  
GONNA COOK  
ALL THE FOOD  
FOR THE BIG  
PARTY WE  
PLANNED?

IT'S A BIG  
DILEMMA WE  
HAVE HERE.

ヒェー!

WHY DOES  
IT HAVE  
TO BE  
IN MY  
ROOM?!

I  
WANNA  
PLAY  
SOME  
DIABLO!

SINCE IT'S  
RAINING,  
WHY DON'T  
WE GO  
PLAY  
SOME  
GAMES IN  
KEITARO'S  
ROOM?

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IF  
MUTSUMI'S  
THE QUEEN,  
THEN  
SHINOBU'S  
THE  
MISTRESS  
OF BAD  
LUCK.

AND  
KEITARO'S  
THE  
KING!

I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
THIS. SHINOBU  
SHOULD BE  
USED TO BAD  
LUCK AND  
FAILING HER  
TESTS BY  
NOW. THIS  
SHOULDN'T  
EVEN FAZE  
HER. ♡

...A  
TRIP  
?!

OH  
MY...

...I'VE...  
...DECIDED  
TO GO  
ON A  
TRIP!!

...I'VE...

WHAT'S  
THE  
MATTER,  
MUTSUMI  
?

K-KEI-  
KUN!  
NARU-  
SAN!!  
WAIT  
UP!!

カッ  
コン  
カッ  
コン

YOU  
CAN  
COME  
OUT  
NOW.

MUT-  
SUMI...

ヒェー!

SHINOBU  
WENT ON  
A HEART-  
BREAK  
RELIEF  
TRIP?!

NO  
WAY  
!!

...FOR  
THE  
WEAVER  
FEST-  
IVAL.

IT'S  
HER  
WISH...

SO WE WERE THE  
HIGHEST ON MY  
EXAMS SO THAT  
SENPAI AND I CAN  
GO OUT ON A DATE  
TO CELEBRATE.

END  
PAGE

OH,  
THIS?

WHAT'S  
THAT  
YOU  
GOT  
THERE?

THAT  
PART'S  
NOT  
IMPOR-  
TANT!!

WERE  
YOU  
TED UP?

THAT'S ABOUT  
RIGHT. SHE SAID  
IT HAD SOMETHING  
TO DO WITH HER  
TEST SCORES AND  
SEEING YOU TAN-  
GLED UP ON THE  
COUCH, OR WAS IT  
HAVING A PARTY?  
I'M NOT QUITE  
SURE ABOUT  
THAT PART.

IT'S  
WATER  
UNDER  
THE  
BRIDGE  
NOW.

WHY'D  
YOU  
WRITE  
THIS?

B-  
BUT...  
A  
DATE?  
!!

HURRY AND  
GIVE HER  
THAT  
DATE YOU  
PROMISED  
HER!

DD  
RR  
GG  
GH  
HH  
HH  
HH.  
  
OH MY.  
THAT  
LOOKS  
FUN.

I TOLD  
YOU THAT  
I'M FINE  
WITH IT,  
SO GO  
AND DO  
IT  
ALREADY  
!!

#BL

KEITARO,  
WHAT DO  
YOU THINK  
YOU'RE  
DOING,  
JUST  
STANDING  
THERE?

HUH?  
?

I DIDN'T TELL  
HER THAT I  
NEVER GOT  
THE HIGHEST  
SCORE WHILE  
SETAWASIN  
JAPAN, SO WE  
NEVER DID  
GO ON THAT  
DATE!!  
TOGETHER.

IT  
MUST'VE  
BEEN MY  
STORY...



AN  
EXCERPT  
FROM  
SHINOBU'S  
JOURNAL:  
JULY 7TH  
EVENING  
(SLIGHT  
DOWN-  
POUR)

TODAY,  
JAPAN'S  
UNLUCKIEST  
GIRL IS  
PREPARING  
TO DEPART  
ON A TRAIN  
AND SET  
OFF ON A  
JOURNEY  
OF HEALING  
AND SELF-  
DISCOVERY.

BUT  
DUE TO AN  
INCREDIBLE  
LACK OF FUNDS  
IT'S REALLY ONLY  
A BOLEY AND  
NOT AN ACTUAL  
TRAIN.  
AND I'M ONLY  
GOING TO THE  
NEXT TOWN  
OVER.

AHH,  
BUT FOR A  
CHILDISH  
GIRL LIKE ME,  
IT MAKES  
FOR A MORE  
THAN  
PERFECT  
SCENARIO.

YO,  
CHECK  
HER  
OUT.  
YEAH,  
SHE'S  
CUTE.

I  
SHOULD  
BE THE  
ONE  
ASKING  
YOU  
THAT!!

SHINOBU...  
AAARE...  
YOUUUU...  
ALL  
RIGHT?

W  
A  
AA  
AA  
AH  
HHH  
HH  
HH

HEY,  
CUTIE,  
HOW'S  
ABOUT  
WE GO  
AND--



OBBR  
AAGK  
KK!

SHINOBU...  
AAARE...  
YOUUUU...  
... ALL  
RIGHT?



THAT'S  
SEMPAI,  
ALL  
RIGHT,  
IMHO  
TALAS  
USUAL.

WHY  
WOULDN'T  
I STILL  
BE ALIVE  
?!

OH MAN,  
THAT  
THING'S  
STILL  
ALIVE!!

HE'S  
NOT  
EVEN  
HELP-  
ING!!

THINK  
OF IT THIS  
WAY, IF YOU  
TURN THE  
LIST UPSIDE  
DOWN THEN  
YOU'D BE  
ON TOP.

AND  
IT'S  
RAIN-  
ING!

WHAT?!!  
BUT I  
DIDN'T  
EVEN  
PASS!!

...WOULD  
YOU LIKE  
TO, UM, GO  
ON A DATE  
WITH ME  
RIGHT NOW?  
LIKE I  
PROMISED.

I  
WANTED  
TO  
ASK  
YOU...



WE'RE  
ACTUALLY  
ON THE  
FERRIS  
WHEEL.

STILL,  
HE  
COULD  
SIT BY  
ME.

IS THIS REALLY  
REAL OR IS  
IT SOME KIND  
OF DREAM?  
BUT IS IT  
REALLY OKAY  
FOR US TO  
GET TOGETHER?

HOW COULD  
MY HEART  
MENDING RIP  
TURN INTO A  
DATE WITH  
SEMPAI?

NEVER  
LAND

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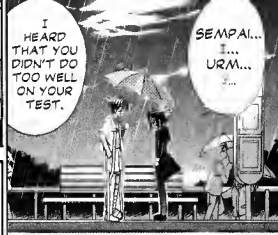
SCARY  
HEART



OH NO, HE  
ALREADY  
KNOWS  
ABOUT IT!  
WHAT SHOULD  
I DO?  
SHOULD I  
RUN?

YOU  
DID?

YEAH,  
SHOULD RUN!



I  
HEARD  
THAT YOU  
DIDN'T DO  
TOO WELL  
ON YOUR  
TEST.

SEMPAI...  
I...  
URM...



HEY,  
WAIT  
UP,  
SHINOBU!

I  
CAN'T  
TAKE  
THIS  
ANY-  
MORE!!



SHINOBU,  
DON'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT IT.  
JUST  
CALM  
DOWN.  
EVERY-  
THING'S  
FINE.

GIVE  
ME  
'EM, I  
WANNA  
BURN  
'EM!



NOT  
THOSE  
!!

YOU  
FORGOT  
YOUR  
TEST  
SHEETS.



SORRY FOR GET-  
TING YOUR HOPES  
UP, I WON'T  
BOTHER YOU  
ABOUT A DATE  
OR TOKYO U  
EVER AGAIN.

SNIFF.



I SAID SUCH BIG  
THINGS... AND IN  
THE END I WAS  
SO FAR AWAY  
FROM FIRST  
PLACE THAT IT'S  
PATHETIC.



HERE  
USE  
THIS TO  
CLEAN  
YOUR-  
SELF

OWW  
THAT  
HURT.



I GUESS  
I'LL BE  
GOIN-  
GAAHH!!



HER  
HEART  
IS  
BREAKING.

IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T EATEN. LET'S GO GET SOMETHING TO EAT, OKAY?



AHH, NO! I'M FINE !!

YOU GOT A MIGRAINE ? NEED SOME ADVICE?

SEEING SEMPai AND NARU ON THE COUCH LIKE THAT...



WHOA, THIS PLACE IS SOMETHING ELSE. I WONDER IF NARU AND SEMPai EAT AT PLACES LIKE THIS A LOT.

I BETTER ACT MY AGE AND NOT MY SHOE SIZE. I DON'T WANT TO GET LAUGHED AT.



CRAP, I WALKED IN HERE ONLY BECAUSE IT WAS CLOSE... BUT IT SEEMS TO BE A BIT OUT OF MY PRICE RANGE

DON'T SWEAT IT. I THINK I SHOULD HAVE ORDERED ONE OF THOSE ALSO.

I GUESS I'LL NEVER BE LIKE NARU, WILL I?

I'M SORRY YOUNG MISS, BUT WE CANNOT SERVE THAT TO A MINOR.

UHM, COULD I HAVE A GLASS OF WINE AS WELL?

SEMPai, I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU EAT SUCH A GROWN-UP MEAL BEFORE

WHY THANK YOU.

HERE WE ARE, YOUNG SIR, ASPARAGUS ACCOMPANIED WITH A LIGHT SCALLOP MOUSSE SERVED WITH RED WINE.



OH, I SEE... UHM, THANK YOU.

NOOOO, HE GOT ME A KID'S MEAL!!

...AND OF COURSE, A TOY.

AND FOR THE LADY OUR CHILDREN'S LUNCH SET SERVED WITH MILK DESSERT...



...NARU GOES TO TOKYO U AND SHE'S SMART, PRETTY, AND GROWN UP!

I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THAT...

BESIDES, YOU DON'T KNOW NARU LIKE I DO. SHE ISN'T AS GROWN-UP AS YOU THINK. WHEN YOU GET DOWN TO IT, SHE CRIES, POUTS, AND OVERREACTS WAY TOO MUCH FOR HER OWN GOOD.

SHINOBU, DON'T EAT SO FAST. YOU'RE GONNA CHOKE IF YOU DON'T STOP AND CHEW.

PLUS, I DON'T EVEN HAVE A DECENT CHEST!

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AND LOOK AT ME, I'M JUST SOME STUPID KID WHO CAN'T EVEN PASS A SIMPLE TEST.

UH, ARE YOU OKAY?

GULP.

SEE, WHAT'D I TELL YOU? HERE DRINK THE WATER!

カカカ URR GH?!  
MRG GH!!

OH, DAMN! THIS ISN'T WATER...  
...IT'S WHITE WINE!!

MRG HH! GAR GH!

...JUS' HOW FAAWR HAVE YOUS GONE WIT HER HUH? ANSWER ME!

'BOUT YOU AND NARU...

HOLY CRAP!!  
SHE'S DRUNK!!

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...OH  
NO... DID  
I... DID  
WE?!  
WAS HE ANY  
GOOD?!

WHAT'S GOING  
ON HERE?!  
WHY'M I IN  
THIS ROOM? I  
REMEMBER  
DRINKING  
SOMETHING...



AHH, WE  
HAVEN'T  
YET!  
OKAY, I  
WILL!!

SHINOBU, I'M  
ALL DONE IN  
HERE SO...  
...WHY DON'T  
YOU TAKE  
YOUR  
SHOWER  
NOW?



...IS  
THIS  
REALLY  
HAPPENING?

AM I EVEN READY  
FOR THIS? HE  
MUST BE SO MUCH  
MORE EXPERIENCED

OH NO, WHAT AM  
I GOING TO DO  
IF THE OTHERS  
FIND OUT ABOUT  
THIS?!





LET'S DO  
IT ALL  
NIGHT!!  
WE'LL  
START  
WITH YOUR  
WORST  
TOPIC!  
MATH!!

I  
CAN'T  
DO IT  
AFTER  
ALL!!



HOW ABOUT  
WE START BY  
GOING OVER  
YOUR LOWEST  
TEST TO FIND  
OUT WHERE  
YOU WENT  
WRONG?

.....  
HUH  
?



ARE  
YOU  
GOING  
TO BE  
OKAY?

IT'S  
JUST A CON-  
TINUA-  
TION  
OF OUR  
TUTORING  
SESSION  
FOR CRYING,  
OUT LOUD!!

STUPID  
STUPID  
STUPID  
STUPID  
!!



.....  
YOU  
MEAN...

IF  
THERE'S  
ONE THING I  
LEARNED  
FROM ALL MY  
YEARS AS A  
ROOMIN. IT'S TO  
LEARN FROM  
YOUR MIS-  
TAKES!

ALL WE  
HAVE TO  
DO IS  
WORK ON  
IT UNTIL  
YOU KNOW  
THIS  
MATERIAL  
LIKE THE  
BACK OF  
YOUR  
HAND.



...AND  
I  
THREW  
IT ALL  
BACK IN  
YOUR  
FACE BY  
GETTING  
DRUNK.

SEMPAI, I'M  
REALLY SORRY  
FOR THE WAY  
I'VE BEEN  
ACTING.  
YOU'VE DONE  
NOTHING...  
...BUT TRY TO  
HELP ME ALL  
THIS TIME...



...SHINOBU...

BUT...



WAIT A  
SEC...

...YOU'RE  
BEING TOO  
HARD ON  
YOURSELF.

YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE  
TO  
GIVE  
UP  
ANY-  
THING.

I THINK I'LL  
GIVE UP  
TRYING TO  
MATCH THE  
BOTH OF  
YOU. TOKYO  
U IS TOO  
FAR OUT OF  
MY LEAGUE.



AND I  
FOR ONE  
THINK THAT  
MAKES YOU  
AN EVEN  
MORE  
ATTRACTIVE  
GIRL  
BECAUSE  
OF IT.

YOU  
GIVE  
EVERY-  
THING  
THAT  
YOU DO  
YOUR  
VERY  
BEST.

...I  
HAVE  
NO  
DOUBTS  
ABOUT  
THE  
WOMAN  
YOU WILL  
BECOME.



...SEM-  
PAL...

YOU  
ALWAYS  
STOOD BY  
ME AND  
CHEERED  
ME ON... SO  
NOW IT'S  
MY TURN  
TO RETURN  
THE FAVOR.

...LOOKING  
AT ME!!  
ALL THIS  
TIME,  
WEREN'T  
YOU?

I'M  
GOING  
TO DO  
MY  
VERY  
BEST  
!!

YES...

COME ON  
LET'S GO  
AHEAD  
AND GET  
STARTED.  
I SPOT-  
TED ONE  
OF YOUR  
MAJOR  
ERRORS

...I'M  
SURE THAT  
ONE DAY  
YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
BE EVEN  
MORE BEAU-  
TIFUL THAN  
NARU, IN  
YOUR OWN  
SPECIAL  
WAY.

STOP  
WORRY-  
ING  
ABOUT  
WHAT  
YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE  
NOW...

SEEMS  
LIKE  
THE  
RAIN  
FINALLY  
LET UP

AND  
THE  
SKY IS  
CLEAR-  
ING UP  
TOO.

WE  
WERE  
FINISHED.  
HOW ABOUT  
WE HEAD  
BACK TO  
HNATA  
HOUSE?  
OKAY?

AL-  
RIGHT.

OKAY,  
GOOD.  
LET'S  
DO THIS  
ONE  
NEXT.

I'M  
NOT  
AIMING  
FOR AN  
A, BUT  
A-C'S  
GOOD  
IN MY  
BOOK.

WOW IF I CAN  
MANAGE TO  
CALM DOWN  
AND CONCENT-  
RATE I CAN  
GET MOST OF  
THE QUES-  
TIONS  
RIGHT

EH HEH  
TESTS  
JUST  
MAKE  
ME  
SPAZ  
OUT  
SOME-  
TIMES

YOU SURE  
MADE A  
LOT OF  
CARELESS  
MISTAKES.  
I HAD THAT  
PROBLEM  
ALSO.

...I WISH  
YOU  
COULD  
STAY BY  
MY SIDE  
FOREVER.

HUH?

SEMPAI  
I CAN  
ALWAYS  
DEPEND  
ON YOU  
TO HELP  
OUT...

I HAD  
A  
GREAT  
TIME!

EH? YOU  
CAN'T  
TELL?

...DID  
YOU  
HAVE  
A GOOD  
TIME  
GOING  
OUT  
WITH  
ME?

I  
WANT-  
ED TO  
ASK...

HUH? I  
THOUGHT  
IT WOULD  
BE ALL  
RIGHT TO  
TELL YOU  
WHAT I  
WAS  
THINKING.

ABOUT HOW  
MUCH I  
RESPECT  
YOU.

W-W-  
WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
TRYING  
TO  
SAY  
?!

SEMPAI,  
I THINK  
YOU'RE  
THE  
COOLEST  
PERSON I  
KNOW!

PHEW. I  
WAS WOR-  
RIED THAT  
YOU'D THINK  
I WAS A  
COMPLETE  
LOSER.

...DOESN'T  
CHANGE  
MY  
PROBLEM.

YES, I  
HEAR  
YOU,  
BUT  
IT...

...I  
HAVEN'T  
EVEN  
WORKED UP  
ENOUGH  
COURAGE TO  
ASK HER  
HOW SHE  
FEELS  
ABOUT  
ME.

WHEN I  
WAS IN  
THE  
HOSPITAL, I  
TOLD NARU  
THAT I  
LOVED  
HER AND  
YET...



I'M  
BEGINNING  
TO THINK  
SHE DOES-  
N'T EVEN  
LIKE ME,  
I HOPE  
NOT!

SHE  
HASN'T  
EVEN  
BROUGHT  
IT UP!

NOTHING,  
ACTUALLY.  
SHE'S BEEN  
ACTING LIKE  
IT NEVER  
EVEN HAP-  
PENED!

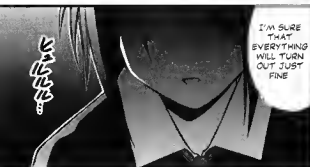
S-SO,  
WHAT'S  
HAPPENED  
SINCE  
THEN...  
SINCE YOU  
TOLD HER?

JUST  
IGNORE  
THAT,  
OKAY? IT  
DIDN'T  
MEAN  
ANYTHING,  
HONEST!

OH  
CRAP,  
I'M  
SORRY!  
I  
DIDN'T  
MEAN  
TO SAY  
THAT!



.....



I'M SURE  
THAT  
EVERYTHING  
WILL TURN  
OUT JUST  
FINE



I  
GUESS,  
BUT...

...HOW  
MUCH  
TIME  
DOES  
SHE  
NEED?

MAYBE  
SHE  
JUST  
NEEDS  
SOME  
TIME TO  
THINK IT  
OVER?





SMOOOK



O  
I'LL BE  
RIGHT  
THERE  
GUYS!

SO YOU  
FINALLY  
DECIDED  
TO  
COME  
BACK?

LOOKIE,  
IT'S  
SHIN-  
OBU!



EH  
HEY



YOU  
KISSED



SEM-  
PAIII!!







GOOD-  
BYE,  
COMPOUND  
FRACTURES!!

I'M  
CURED  
!!



TODAY  
MARKS  
THE  
BEGINNING  
OF A NEW  
ERA FOR  
ME!!

HELLO,  
TOKYO  
UNIVER-  
SITY!!



I'M GOING  
TO FINALLY  
BE ABLE  
TO EAT  
REAL  
CAFETERIA  
FOOD!!

I'M  
GOING TO  
CRAM  
MY BRAIN  
FULL OF KNOW-  
LEDGE!!



KEI-  
TARO  
URASHIMA  
IS FINALLY  
HERE!!

THANK  
YOU FOR  
GIVING ME  
THIS AWESOME  
LEARNING  
EXPERI-  
ENCE!!



BUT  
NOW,  
I'M  
OUT OF  
MY  
CAST  
AND  
CAN  
GET TO  
CLASS.

I'M  
GONNA  
BE A  
SOME-  
BODY!

EVEN THOUGH  
I FINALLY  
MADE IT INTO  
THE SCHOOL OF  
MY DREAMS...A  
TRAGIC ACCI-  
DENT KEPT  
ME FROM  
ATTENDING.

WHAT'S  
HIS  
PROBLEM?

# Love Hina

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A Sudden Proposal?

YOU KNOW  
THAT TOKYO  
U IS CLOSED  
FOR SUMMER  
VACATION UNTIL  
THE MIDDLE OF  
SEPTEMBER,  
RIGHT? WHY  
DON'T YOU GO  
GET A JOB OR  
SOMETHING?

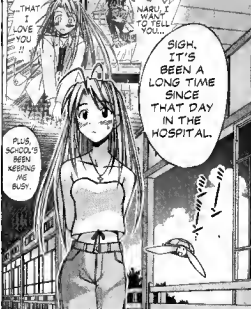
CRAZY  
YOUNG'UN.





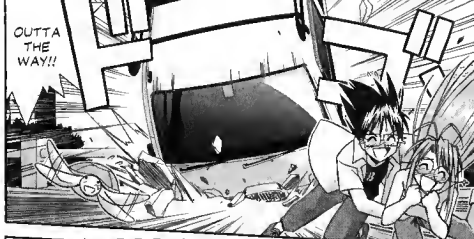


THE PLAN WAS TO GET INTO TOKYO AND LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER. AND YET, THIS UNENDING WAITING IS PURE UNQUALIFIED TORTURE!!









OUTTA  
THE  
WAY!!



...IT'S  
LIKE A  
SCENE  
OUT OF  
"GRAND  
THEFT  
AUTO"  
!!

KABOOOM!!

WAIT,  
IT'S NOT  
OVER  
YET... OH  
GOD...

Hi! Hi!

PHEEW,  
THAT  
WAS A  
CLOSE  
ONE!!



WHAT  
WAS  
THAT  
EXPLO-  
SION?!

SETA,  
YOUR  
BACK!!  
YOUR  
BACK IS  
ON FIRE!!

SETA,  
IT'S  
GREAT  
TO  
SEE YOU  
AGAIN!!



HI,  
SARAH,  
HOW  
HAVE  
YOU  
BEEN?

PA  
PA  
AA  
!!



AH HA  
HA,  
DID  
YOU  
BRING  
US  
ANY-  
THING  
?!

IF YOU'RE  
WONDER-  
ING, I WAS  
IN THIS  
HIGH-SPEED  
CHASE AND  
SORT OF  
TAPPED A  
GAS MAIN,  
YOU SEE.

WELL  
YOU  
LOOK  
AT  
THAT?  
THAT'S  
NO  
GOOD.



HELLO,  
EVERY-  
BODY.  
LIKE MY  
GRAND  
ENTRANCE  
?

SORRY,  
HOPEFULLY  
IT WON'T  
HAPPEN  
AGAIN.  
YOU'VE  
GROWN UP  
A BIT I  
SEE.

HOW MANY  
TIMES HAVE I  
TOLD YOU THAT  
YOU CAN'T GO  
AROUND GET-  
TING INTO  
TROUBLE AND  
BLOWING UP  
STUFF?!

YOU'VE LOST IT!!

KITSUNE: I GOT YOU A MUMMY. I HEAR HE WAS A REAL LOOKER.

AH,  
 MASHA  
 RA,  
 NYAMO  
 WANT-  
 ED ME  
 TO GIVE  
 YOU  
 THIS

FOR YOU THREE  
 I BROUGHT  
 BACK A HEFTY  
 SUPPLY OF  
 PARAKELSE  
 WATERMELON  
 AND  
 BANANAS.



IS THIS  
THE  
STUFF  
YOU  
BROUGHT  
US?

PHEW.  
THANKS  
TO SETA,  
I WAS  
ABOUT  
TO WORM  
MY WAY  
OUT OF  
THAT  
SITUATION.

FOR  
THE  
MILLIONTH  
TIME,  
WE'RE  
NOT A  
LOVELY  
COUPLE,  
ALRIGHT?  
?

I WAS  
STRAPPED  
FOR CASH,  
BUT I DID  
GET OUR  
LOVELY  
COUPLE OVER  
HERE A PAIR  
OF MATCHING  
PARAKELSE  
T-SHIRTS.

...TELL ME  
IF  
HARUKA'S  
IN  
TODAY?

HEY,  
URASHIMA,  
COULD  
YOU...







YOU AND MY AUNT WERE AN ITEM?! BACK IN COLLEGE?!

YES, YOU COULD SAY THAT.

WHAT?!



SETA, ARE YOU HURT?!

URRGH GR... HARUKA A...

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...AND I GUESS I...FELL FOR HER AND WELL, AS THE STORY GOES, ONE DAY I SORT OF CONFERSED MY FEELINGS FOR HER.

WHAT HAP-PENED WAS, BACK IN THE DAY, HARUKA WAS MY EXCAVATION ASSISTANT...



HE'S GOT THE SAME PROBLEM I DO!!

TRUTHFULLY, I NEVER GOT A REPLY FROM HER BUT YOU UNDERSTAND HOW IT IS. DINNER HERE, BIG CAR CHASE THERE... YOU LOSE TRACK OF TIME. I'M NOT SURE IF WE WERE EVER OFFICIALLY TOGETHER OR NOT.

AND WHAT HAP-PENED THEN?! DID SHE SAY NO? DID SHE SAY YES?!

CON-FESSED HIS FEELINGS?!



DAMN YOU!!

YOU TWO-TIMED MY AUNT!!

AND AFTER THAT, I MOVED IN WITH ANOTHER WOMAN AND THINGS SORT OF WENT DOWNHILL FROM THERE.



YOU ALSO MUST HAVE CHORO-GRAPHED THAT SCREAMING DEFEAT AS WELL.

MAN, AND I PRACTICED THAT DELIVERY ALL NIGHT. I HAD IT DOWN PAT.



A PROMISE... MAYBE A CONFESSION? WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO THINK OF ALL THIS?!

...AND I CAME BACK TO HARUKA TO KEEP A PROMISE I HAD ONCE MADE.

BUT NOW THAT OTHER WOMAN IS NO MORE....

DON'T LOOK AT ME! I NEED SOME ADVICE AS MUCH AS YOU DO!!

TELL ME, URASHIMA, WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?! I REALLY NEED YOUR ADVICE!! MAYBE YOU CAN TALK TO HER FOR ME?!

IT'S NOT THAT HE'S A BAD PERSON...

HARUKA

YET, TURNS OUT HE'S IN NEED OF AS MUCH ADVICE AS I AM.

DAMMIT, I WAS HOPEING HE HAD SOME ADVICE FOR ME...

SETA CAN ACT COOL AND COLLECTED ONE MOMENT, AND THEN DUMBS AS A BRICK THE NEXT.

...YOU'VE KNOWN HIM FOR CLOSE TO 10 YEARS NOW, RIGHT?

BUT HARUKA ...

IT WASN'T THAT EASY TO BE WITH HIM BECAUSE OF THAT.

...IT'S THAT HE'S ALWAYS BEEN THE WAY HE IS.

YOU'RE BEING BIT OVER-DRAMATIC

I PERSONALLY THINK HE'S ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL. HE'S STRONG KIND AND HE...HE'S GOT THIS YOUTHFUL QUALITY TO HIM LIKE HE'S A KID FOREVER CHASING AFTER HIS DREAM!

SHE'S RIGHT, THOUGH... HE REALLY WAS LIKE THAT BACK THEN.

...  
AHH, SHUT UP. I HATE ALL THAT FILLY SHIT, OKAY? THAT CRAP ONLY GETS IN THE WAY.

MAYBE TRY ON A GUTE SKIRT FOR A CHANGE.

WHY DON'T YOU GO AND CHANGE INTO SOMETHING NICE?

AREN'T YOU MEETING UP WITH SETA TODAY?

I'M TERRIBLY  
SORRY FOR KEEPING  
YOU WAITING SO  
LONG! WE UNCOV-  
ERED THIS FIFTY  
TRICERATOPS FOS-  
SIL AND I HAD TO  
HELP GET IT OUT!



はははは  
HEEY  
!!  
HARUKA  
!!

I KNOW  
THIS IS  
BECOMING A  
HABIT! BUT  
I'LL BUY YOU  
ANOTHER  
CARTON OF  
CIGARETTES  
AS PENANCE  
THANKS FOR  
WAITING  
THOUGH



HMPH  
THAT'S  
NOTHING  
NEW, I'VE  
GIVEN UP ON  
YOU EVER  
BEING ON  
TIME



YOU  
SEE  
HARUKA  
...



YEAH YEAH, SO  
WHAT DID YOU  
CALL ME OUT  
HERE FOR?  
I'M A BUSY  
WOMAN.

I HAVE  
TO GO  
OVERSEAS  
AGAIN AND  
I WAS  
HOPING  
THAT YOU  
COULD  
KEEP 'EM  
SAFE FOR  
ME!

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IT'S  
MY  
COLLEC-  
TION OF  
FOSSILS  
!!



YOU  
MEAN  
?



AND BECAUSE  
OF THAT  
THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
THAT I REALLY  
WOULD LIKE  
YOU TO HAVE  
SOMETHING I  
CAN'T POSSIBLY  
ENTRUST TO  
ANYONE  
ELSE

....I  
TRUST  
YOU  
MORE  
THAN  
ANYONE  
ELSE IN  
THE  
WORLD.

AWE-  
SOME,  
THANKS!  
SEE  
YA!!

DASH!!

FOS-  
SILS  
?!



IT SEEMS HARUKA AND SETA WERE GOING OUT AFTER ALL.

OKAY, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT HIM BEING CHILDLIKE.

AW  
WW  
RRG  
GHH  
!!!

SLOW DOWN, YOU LITTLE BASTARD!!

...BRING UP THAT PROMISE ALL HE WANTS, BUT--

BESIDES HE CAN...

OOH, YOU TWO LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN.

WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT? EHEHE.

SHOULDN'T YOU BE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR PROBLEM RIGHT NOW?

AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT, WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

THE BOTTOM LINE IS THERE'S NOTHING BETWEEN US ANYMORE.

MMM.

WHAT? A PROMISE?

HUH?

THERE MUST BE SOME REASON THAT SHE CAN'T TELL HIM HOW SHE REALLY FEELS:

FUNNY, IT'S KINDA LIKE MY SITUATION.

I KNOW SHE SAID ALL THAT STUFF, BUT I THINK HARUKA STILL HAS FEELINGS FOR SETA EVEN NOW.

MMM.





YAAHH,  
IT'S  
YOU!!

I WON'T  
HEAR THE  
END OF  
THIS!

OH,  
TELL  
ME,  
WHO  
DO  
YOU  
LIKE  
?!

IT'S  
NOT  
LIKE I  
LIKE HIM  
OR ANY-  
THING  
LIKE  
THAT!

THIS IS  
JUST  
TOO  
MUCH  
!!



WHAT  
KIND  
OF  
FAVOR  
?

...COULD  
I ASK A  
FAVOR  
OF YOU?

I  
WANT-  
ED TO  
KNOW...

IT'S  
OKAY,  
I  
GUESS.

SORRY,  
SCAR-  
ING YOU  
LIKE  
THAT.



GOOD IDEA.  
I WAS GOING  
TO TELL YOU  
SOME MORE  
ANYWAY,  
BUT WHAT  
BETTER  
TIME THAN  
NOW.

ANYWAY,  
I WANTED  
TO HEAR  
SOME MORE  
STORIES  
ABOUT THE  
RUINS YOU'VE  
BEEN WORK-  
ING ON.



YOU  
JUST  
MADE  
THAT  
SOUND  
REALLY  
CREEPY.

AAAAH,  
HABIT  
DONE  
THIS IN  
ANYUE

SO  
WHAT'S UP,  
URASHIMA?  
WHY WERE  
YOU SO KEEN  
ON GETTING  
ME TO TAKE  
A BATH WITH  
YOU?



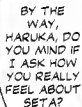
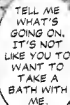
DAMN,  
NARU  
...

YOU SEE, MY OLD  
PROFESSOR WAS  
THE ONE WHO ORIGI-  
NALLY DISCOVERED  
THE RUINS YEARS  
AGO, BUT FOR  
SOME REASON HE  
ABANDONED THEM.



STILL, I GET TO HEAR  
ABOUT THE RUINS!  
SO IT'S NOT THAT BAD  
OF A DEAL.

...WHY DID YOU WANT  
ME TO GET SET A TO  
TAKE A BATH? WHAT  
ARE YOU PLANNING?



YOU SAY THAT WITH YOUR MOUTH, BUT DOES YOUR HEART SAY SOMETHING ELSE?

CAN'T YOU TELL WHEN SOMEONE'S DRUNK BY NOW?

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU ALREADY THAT HE DOESN'T CONCERN ME.

YOU COULD SAY THAT AGAIN.

THIS HAS BECOME QUITE INTERESTING, HASN'T IT?

OH COME OFF IT, I CAN TELL YOU'RE BLUSHING.

♡  
OOOOOOO

SHE'S TRYING TO GET HARUKA TO ADMIT HER TRUE FEELINGS FOR SETA SO YOU CAN GET THEM BACK TOGETHER.

OOOH... SO THIS IS WHY NARU WANTED ME TO HELP HER.

I DON'T WANT TO WATCH MY AUNT TAKE A BATH... WHY'D YOU HAVE TO WEAR THAT TOWEL NARU?

I'M ACTUALLY WATCHING HARUKA TAKE A BATH... COME ON TURN A BIT MORE TO THE LEFT.

THAT'S REALLY SMART THINKING! I'VE GOT TO MAKE HER PLAN WORK!! FINALLY, WE'LL BE TOGETHER...

WHICH ALSO MEANS THAT IF SHE CAN GET HARUKA TO TAKE SETA, THEN NARU WILL BE FREE TO GET WITH ME!

COME ON, FESS UP, HARUKA

GIVE IT UP.

OH COME ON, IT'S JUST GETTING GOOD.

PISSING HARUKA OFF IS AN INSTANT GAME OVER.

UHH, TIME TO LEAVE... THIS COULD GET UGLY REAL FAST.

SOMETHING  
HAPPENED  
BETWEEN  
YOU TWO  
DIDN'T IT?

MORE  
IMPORTANTLY  
I WANT TO  
KNOW HOW  
YOU FEEL  
ABOUT  
KEITARO.



NOTH-  
ING'S  
HAP-  
PENED,  
OKAY  
?!



SO  
WHAT'S  
THE  
DEAL?  
FESS UP

BUT  
WHAT  
ABOUT  
ME?!



AUNT  
HARUKA  
MAN-  
AGED TO  
TURN  
THE  
TABLES  
ON  
NARU!



THIS  
IS  
IT!!



HOW  
I  
FEEL  
?



WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOU, HARUKA,  
WHICH IS IT?  
DO YOU LOVE  
HIM OR HATE  
HIM? WHY  
DON'T WE  
START WITH  
THAT?!



YOUR  
BLUSH-  
ING. IT  
SEEMS I  
STRUCK  
A  
CHORD.



AND  
KEITARO'S  
LISTENING,  
TOO!! THIS  
NOT WHAT  
PLANNED!!



AHH, HOW  
DID THIS  
HAPPEN?!  
SHE'S NOW  
INTERRO-  
GATING  
ME!!



SAY  
IT!  
SAY  
IT!!

YOU  
PROMISE?!  
YOU'RE  
NOT JUST  
SAYING  
THAT,  
ARE YOU?!  
OKAY, ON  
THREE!!



I'LL  
TELL  
YOU IF  
YOU  
TELL  
ME.



MM  
MM  
MM.

HER...  
TRUE  
FEEL-  
INGS...  
?!





MY BOY ONCE YOU DIE, HARUKA, NOTHIN' IS GONNA SAVE YOU. HAHHAH.

SETA, WHY DIDN'T YOU STAND UP TO HER LIKE YOU DID WITH MOTOKO?

BR AA AG GH HH !!

PUR RG GGG HHHH!

DOUBLE IRON FIST PUNCH !!



EXCUSE ME, HARUKA, CAN WE TALK?



I GUESS I SHOULD START OUT BY APOLOGIZING TO HARUKA.

ON TOP OF IT ALL, I ENDED UP HITTING KEITARO AGAIN... CRAP.



DAMN, MY PLAN WAS NOTHING BUT A HUGE FAILURE. I SHOULD'VE HAD A CONTINGENCY PLAN.

WHAT'S THAT ON THE FLOOR?

ヒナ

IS SHE NOT HOME?



IT'S... IT'S... HARUKA AND A KID?!





# Love Hina

HINATA.78 An Honest I Love You





IS THIS  
HARUKA'S  
LOVE  
CHILD?!

COULD  
THIS  
BE?!

A  
KID?

SIMPLE,  
THE  
FATHER  
HAS  
TO  
BE  
SOME  
BLONDE-  
HAired  
FOREIGN  
GUY!

AND  
THAT  
GUY'S  
ALSO  
THE  
REASON  
WHY  
SHE  
TURNED  
DOWN  
SETA'S  
MARRIAGE  
PRO-  
POSAL.

I BET  
IT'S ONE  
OF  
THOSE  
UNWED  
MOTHER  
THINGS.

THIS  
DOESN'T  
MAKE ANY  
SENSE. I'VE  
NEVER HEARD  
ANYTHING  
ABOUT HER  
HAVING A  
KID.

S-  
SORRY.

SHHHH,  
NOT SO  
LOUD!  
WHAT  
IF THE  
OTHERS  
HEARD  
THAT?!

...DOESN'T  
EXPLAIN  
WHY THE  
KID HAS  
BLONDE  
HAIR.

HEY,  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT,  
BUT...

THINK ABOUT  
IT, SHE IS  
RATHER  
SETTLED FOR A  
PERSON HER  
AGE.

WHY  
THAT  
SLUT  
!!

THE  
MYSTERIOUS  
BLONDE-  
HAired  
FOREIGN  
GUY,  
PIERRE  
(MAY BE)?

YOUNG HARUKA.  
18 YEARS OLD?

YOUNG SETA.  
21 YEARS OLD?

COULD  
IT  
BE?

WHY  
I'VE GOT TO  
STOP AT  
NOTHING  
TO GET  
THOSE  
TWO BACK  
TOGETHER!

I FEEL  
A BOND  
BETWEEN  
SETA'S  
RELATIONSHIP  
AND MY OWN...

THEN THOSE  
TWO WON'T...

...EVER GET  
BACK  
TOGETHER.

IF WE  
BRING UP  
HER LOVE  
CHILD  
AT A TIME  
LIKE THIS...

I'M WITH YOU ON THIS ONE!

KEITARO, WE HAVE TO DO ALL WE CAN TO GET THOSE TWO BACK TOGETHER!

JUST THE TWO OF US.

DID YOU SAY HARUKA?

HARUKA SENT US SOME INVITES, SO WHETHER YOU TWO LOVEBIRDS WANT TO COME OR NOT IS UP TO YOU.



WE GET TO STAY OVER-NIGHT!

WE'RE GONNA GO OUT OF TOWN AND CHECK OUT THIS RESORT HOTEL TOMORROW.

GUYS, WE GOT THIS COOL IDEA.

EHH ?!

THE NEXT DAY.

...AND THE POOL'S WHERE IT'S AT! ♥

SCHOOL'S OUT...



I'M GLAD  
I CAME.



HIS  
PROM-  
ISE,  
HUH?



WE  
WANT-  
ED TO  
KNOW IF  
YOU  
HAD A  
MINUTE  
?

AUNT  
HARUKA  
?

DAMMIT  
WHY'D HE  
INSIST  
THAT I  
HOLD ON  
TO THIS  
RING?



YOU MAY HAVE SOME DEEP DARK SECRET TO HIDE, BUT SOONER OR LATER YOU'LL REALIZE YOUR FEELINGS!!

WAIT, HARUKA, PLEASE DON'T KILL HIM UNTIL YOU'VE AT LEAST HEARD US OUT!!

I DON'T WANNA BE YOUR PUNCHING BAG, EITHER!!

I CAN SEE WHERE THIS IS HEAD--

DO YOU EVEN THINK ABOUT STUFF BEFORE YOU BLURT IT OUT ?!

THEN GIVE ME A FREAKIN' ANSWER, WHY DON'TCHA ?!

IF A MAN CONFESSES HIS LOVE FOR YOU, THEN IT IS YOUR DUTY TO GIVE HIM AN HONEST REPLY!!

LOOKIT THE DUMB GRIN ON HARUKA'S FACE!

HEY, LEAVE ME SEE!

HMM, WHAT'S THIS? EWW, IT'S A PICTURE-WICTURE!

HYPER-TAG TEAM JAW DROPPER!!

WHERE'D YOU GET THAT?!

HEY WHAT'S HAPPENIN' ?!

YUP, THAT'S ME RIGHT THERE. I WAS CUTE BACK THEN, BUT NOT AS CUTE AS I AM NOW.

WHAT? LOVE CHILD?

KEITARO, YOU DROPPED THE PICTURE OF HARUKA'S LOVE CHILD?!

YOU KLUTZ !!

OOHHH.











SO, YOU WANT IT IN THE HEAD OR THE CHEST?!

YOU WANTED TO SEE ME ANGRY...YOU GOT IT!!

OUCH!

THE HEAD IT IS THEN!



WHAT'S THIS I HEAR ABOUT A PROPOSAL?

BUT THOSE ARE MY WEAPONS

WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON?!



IS SHE REALLY NINE YEARS OLD?!



ADULT ROMANCES ARE SO COMPLICATED SOMETIMES!

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? IT'S LIKE HARUKA WON BY DEFAULT. I DON'T BLAME HER FOR BEING PISSED OFF.

...THAT WHEN HE TURNED 30, HE'D MAKE UP HIS MIND AND CHOOSE ONE OF THEM

PAPA HAD THIS THING GOING WITH BOTH MY MAMA AND HARUKA. HE EVEN PROMISED THEM...

EH? YOU MEAN, SETA PROPOSED TO HARUKA?!



POOR MISUNDERSTOOD SARAH

WHAT THE HECK? YOU'RE CHOKING ME!

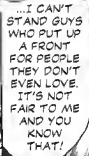


WHAT?!

BUT RIGHT AFTER HE MADE THAT PROMISE, MAMA PASSED AWAY.









...SINCE  
THIS  
MADE ME  
REMINISCE  
ABOUT  
SOME  
GOOD  
TIMES...

...I'LL  
WEAR  
IT...  
BUT  
ONLY  
FOR  
TODAY.

BUT

HALM  
I  
SEE

...I  
ALREADY  
GAVE YOU MY  
ANSWER.  
EVERYTHING  
IS OVER NOW,  
AND IT HAS  
BEEN FOR A  
WHILE. WE'RE  
NOT YOUNG  
LIKE KEITARO  
AND NARU  
AND WE  
SHOULDN'T  
BE LIKE  
THEM.

STOP

I'M  
NOT

EEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!

**AMH...**

DON'T  
GET  
GREEDY  
NOW.

BUT  
THERE'S  
ONLY  
FOUR  
HOURS  
LEFT IN  
THE  
DAY.













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# **Love Hina**

## **Preview for Volume 10**

**With all the grace and reluctance of a three legged giraffe on a tightrope, Naru and Keitaro take their first steps in the high-tension game of love when a power outage puts Hinata House in the dark. As old memories come to light, Naru realizes that she may be the girl from Keitaro's past after all. However, Keitaro must choose between his blossoming relationship with Naru and his desire study abroad with Seta.**

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The moment has come...

Or should we say "moments"? After all this time, Keitaro has passed the Todai entrance exam, but that's not the only thing he's finally getting around to. With his renewed confidence, he can't fight the urge to tell Naru how he really feels about her. But when he does, her reaction is definitely not what he expected.

Meanwhile, Keitaro's rival for Naru's affection, Seta, has a surprising announcement about his intentions for Haruka. With all these revelations flying about, something romantic is sure to happen... but to whom?



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